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Plans in motion to make Crawford home for MDOT office

State agency may lease office space from road commission

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been looking for a regional location, and the state agency may have found it right here in Crawford County.

The Road Commission For Crawford County officials and MDOT officials are in the final stages of allowing for an arrangement so MDOT can lease 400-square feet of office space. According to Road Commission Managing Director James Briney, the purpose of MDOT acquiring the office space is to establish a regional MDOT presence in Grayling.

For a period of up to six months, an MDOT staff person will use the office space to organize and lay the ground work to establish a location in this area (Grayling) for others to follow, Briney said.

The office is located in the existing Road Commission For Crawford County building. The office is the only available office space existing at the road commission building located at 500 Huron (M-72 East).

This office space is available, "because we have privatized our engineering and design functions," Briney said. "For us this has meant a reduction in the cost of these project elements."

There are a variety of alternatives for MDOT in establishing a more permanent location in Crawford

County. One of the ideas being considered is leasing additional space. Another consideration involves renovating space in an existing building.

The third consideration is to put up a building to MDOT specifications for lease to MDOT. The building would be built by an outside firm or agency for MDOT if this alternative is accepted.

Because of significant staff reductions at the Alpena and Cadillac district MDOT offices, Briney said, there may be open positions coming to the Grayling area. The MDOT staff person in Crawford County for six months will be making the decision on what positions are needed in the local area.

Bob Welke, director of MDOT, said in a taped statement that MDOT office in the county will be a shot in the arm for the community. It won't provide a lot of jobs, but some.

Briney explained that this deal is a good one for MDOT, The Road Commission For Crawford County and the public both agencies serve.

"It is a remarkable opportunity for our road commission to enhance what is already an excellent relationship with MDOT, as well as for transportation maintenance providers and customers we all serve," Briney said.



PROTECTION DISCUSSED — The Lovells Anti-Crime Association committee members and Crawford County Sheriff were in the front of approximately 40 property owners on Saturday to answer questions and discuss options to protect their township. The persons around the table are, from left: Sheriff David Lovely, LACA secretary/treasurer Janet Richardson, LACA secretary/treasurer Patricia Doody, and LACA Sergeant at Arms Dean Collins.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

Anti-crime group discusses ways to protect Lovells Township residences

Neighborhood watch begins to take form

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A spree of breaking and enterings in their township started the cause, and now Lovells Township residents are

looking into ways to protect their properties so it doesn't happen again.

A group of 62 property owners and some county officials met on Feb. 1 and organized the Lovells Anti-Crime Association (LACA). The new group kept the momentum going from its organizational meeting by holding its first regular meeting a month later.

More than 40 residents, Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield, Prosecutor John Huss, County Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke, Commissioner Bob Smock and Lovells Township officials met Saturday, March 1, at the Lovells Township Hall to discuss matters of the crime spree and items for protection of the area.

A neighborhood watch program, a sheriff's officer for Lovells Township, the state swamp tax and association bumper stickers were discussed at Saturday's meeting.

in the next week to see if they would like to be involved.

Collins said to the group of township residents that something has to be done.

"They have not hit my place yet, but if they do God help them and God help me," Collins said.

One of the items raised at the February meeting was the lack of enough police patrol in Lovells Township. The association members discussed the possibility of a township assessment for a sheriff's officers, primarily for township patrol and incidents.

Prosecutor John Huss explained to the group that Roscommon County townships do this to provide for township patrol.

County Chairman Bruce Bretzke also mentioned the possibility of compiling a couple of townships together to pay for a two- or three-township officer. This would help reduce the burden of paying the cost for an officer, he said.

The matter of the state swamp tax which provides money to counties for state land was also brought up. Dan Alstott, a county resident, suggested that the state pay for law enforcement of the state land in the county.

"We get extra people here for recreation because of the state land," Alstott said. "The state needs to provide more money for law enforcement."

Bretzke agreed with Alstott. It is not right that the county pays for law enforcement for the state land and the recreation use, Bretzke said. That pulls county officers off of patrol of county roads and neighborhoods.

The county is in the process of lobbying the state at this time, and Bretzke said he would help in any lobbying effort this group wants to proceed with.

While no action was officially taken on these matters, the members of the association did approve the go ahead with the printing of bumper stickers for the association. Alstott came up

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— Dean Collins,
LACA Sergeant at Arms

with a design for the bumper sticker which lets everyone know of the LACA group which has been established and the protection of the residences.

The bumper stickers could be placed on vehicles, homes and posts, Alstott said. The association agreed to pay for the printing of the bumper stickers, and then hand them out to people.

The LACA committee board members and the association members (residents) scheduled another meeting for April 5 at 1 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

Group may ask the question: 'Will voters support a sportsplex?'

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Otsego County has one and Kalkaska County recently approved a millage to build one; will Crawford County be next?

A group of county residents gathered to discuss the feasibility of constructing and operating a Crawford County Sportsplex. The residents gathered in Grayling on Wednesday, Feb. 26, to review a number of issues surrounding the notion of a huge recreation center, including location, operating funds, building funds and probable county resident use.

Most of the residents at the meeting felt the best location would be in Grayling Township at the corner of Old 27 and M-93.

The gathering was set up by Randy Richardson and Tom Ritter. Although a final decision was not made, the concept of the meeting was to set up a recreation complex steering committee.

The idea of putting in for grants and other alternatives to fund the recreation center were mentioned, but the general consensus of those in attendance was there would need to be a millage approved by county voters to build and operate a sportsplex.

The recreation center concept has been discussed before, Tom Ritter said, but it has not been given to the voters. Ritter said he believed county residents are ready to approve something like this.

Ritter pointed to the Greater Grayling survey conducted by another steering committee. The results of that survey showed that 81.9 percent of the respondents wanted an indoor swimming pool, 68.4 percent wanted a fitness/exercise center, 63.2 percent wanted a walking/bike trail and 56.4 percent wanted basketball courts. Of the 12,260 county residents the response rate at that time was 6.22 percent.

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— Tom Ritter,

Resident looking into proposed sportsplex

The ideas mentioned at the meeting stated an interest in including most of these items in the proposed recreation complex. Richardson said that the initial concept is for the complex to have an all-purpose gymnasium, a recreation swimming pool, an ice rink, conference rooms, a walking area and possibly a fitness center.

The group decided that the proposed location near the Grayling High School would be ideal for the recreation facility. Judge Alton Davis explained to the group that the two acres desired from the county fairgrounds can be leased for this project.

It won't affect the fair, Davis said. There won't be a problem with the fair board.

Some of the advantages of the proposed location are the close proximity to the high school and other athletic fields, power and water already

extends to the area, and the land already is clear.

Richardson gathered a lot of information from Kalkaska County and the director of the Otsego County Sportsplex. He also found out that the Otsego County director would be willing to meet with the steering committee to answer questions about the project.

One item was the final bill the Otsego County Sportsplex garnered to be built. That project came to an initial subtotal of \$4,290,052. Another figure which the group discussed was the \$753,102 projected expenditures for the 1997 proposed budget for the Otsego County Sportsplex. They also are projecting revenues of \$780,500 to offset the expenditures.

Although it might seem that Otsego County Sportsplex officials would not want to help because of the competition, they actually do want to help so there are more hockey teams and more ice time available. Richardson said Otsego County already has filled all of its available ice time, and another facility in the area could make some competition between the hockey leagues.

The actual cost to build and operate a Crawford County recreation facility has not been finalized yet. The members of the group also are planning to meet with a banker and other officials to decide the length and amount of mills that would be needed.

Goals of the Committee

- Educate the public.
- Hear the needs of the public.
- Gain the support of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.
- Present to the public an opportunity to approve a bond to build, furnish and equip the facility.
- Present to the public an opportunity to approve an operating millage.

Further Details:
For information concerning those suspects charged with the Lovells breaking and enterings, see story on Page 2A.

The sheriff and undersheriff, along with LACA Sergeant at Arms Dean Collins, talked about the way a neighborhood watch program would work. The idea is to set up section chiefs for big areas of the township with block captains in each neighborhood.

The reason for the section chiefs and block captains is to have a call-in tree set up for complaints of suspicious activity, Lovely said. A 911 call or call to the sheriff's office would also be part of the process.

The purpose of the proposed neighborhood watch program is to form a cooperation among neighbors to help look out for one another's property and possessions.

Collins produced a Lovells Township map at the meeting which he drew dividing lines, separating the township into three sections. He said he would be section chief for one area, and he had some persons in mind for section chiefs in the other two areas. Collins said he would meet with them

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Prosecution of alleged B&E teens explained

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

"If found guilty, a prison sentence may be likely," said Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss.

Huss made this statement while answering questions at the Lovells Anti-Crime Association (LACA) meeting on Saturday, March 1, at the Lovells Township Hall. Huss used the time to explain to those residents who had their residences broken into of the status of the case against the three defendants.

The Lovells residents who were victims of a January spree of breaking and enterings and malicious destruction of property incidents wanted to be sure that the alleged persons who committed these crimes were being punished. The spree of breaking and entering incidents extended to other counties across the state.

Although Huss could not say for sure that prison time was going to occur, the prosecutor did tell the residents that his office would do all that it could in the matter.

The two 17-year-old suspects — Jamie Scheib of Lansing and Jerrod Root of Grand Ledge — were arraigned in this matter in Crawford County District Court on Feb. 11. Both wished to have preliminary examinations, and the examinations have been set for March 25 before Judge Francis Walsh.

The third suspect in this matter is a juvenile, under 17 years of age, from the Lansing area. Crawford County authorities are attempting to get the juvenile tried as an adult downstate.

Huss said at the meeting that on the recommendation of Juvenile Officer Tom Haskel the county officials are issuing two to four petitioning warrants in probate court downstate. The purpose is to try to get officials to wave the juvenile from probate court to circuit court as an adult.

The notion of other people being involved in the breaking and entering

was also mentioned. Huss said the only thing he could say on that matter was, "We are working on others."

Little League sign up runs to March 23

The boys and girls of summer will be hitting the fields pretty soon, as the sign up period for Grayling Little League has begun.

The Grayling Little League will be accepting player registrations at Sylvestors in Grayling on M-72 West. The registration period began on March 1 and will run until March 23 for those interested in competing in the 1997 baseball/softball season.

The registration fee is \$25 per youth and \$50 per family. Late registrations will be accepted at Sylvestors with a fee of \$35 per youth and \$60 per family.

Low income families may apply to receive assistance from the Strong Families/Safe Children Recreational Assistance Program administered through the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau at 348-2841 ext. 262. The assistance can help cover registration and equipment costs.

Youths, with a league age from seven-years old to 15-years old, are eligible to register. League age is determined by the youth's age on July 31.

Players will be assigned to teams in the following divisions: Senior League Baseball (ages 13-15), Senior League Girls Softball (13-15), Major League Baseball (10-12), Major/Minor League Baseball (9-11), Major League Girls Softball (9-12), Minor League Baseball (7-9), and Major/Minor League Baseball (9/10-12), if possible.

The team draft night is currently scheduled for April 20. Tryouts for players wishing to participate on a Senior Division Baseball, Major Division Baseball or Major/Minor Division Baseball team will be held at the Grayling High School on March 23.

The tryout schedule is: nine- to 10-year old Baseball at 6 p.m., 11- to 12-year old Baseball at 7 p.m., and 13-, 14-, and 15-year old Baseball at 8 p.m.

Youths ages seven and eight playing Minor Division Baseball and girls age nine to 15 playing Girls Senior Division or Major Division Softball do not have to attend any tryouts.

Questions regarding player registration may be directed to Diane Tobin, player agent, at (517) 348-5361 or Tom Haskel, Little League president, at (517) 348-8722.

Forensics members qualify for the semi-finals; home meet on March 15

Grayling High School forensics team member Amie Price took second place in Oratory at the Alma Scot Invitational on Feb. 25. Price, a freshman, wrote her original oration on child abuse.

Several GHS forensics team members qualified for the semi-finals: junior Ben Mallory (poetry interpretation), the Duo Interpretation team of freshmen Danielle McClanahan and Amanda Fortino, freshman Kane Madsen (informative speaking 9/10) and freshman Brandi McClain (extemporaneous speaking).

Other GHS team members who competed included: freshman Dawn Adloff (impromptu speaking), sophomore Brie Blaauw (broadcasting), freshman Sarah Carmean (prose interpretation), junior Deanna Fleishmann (impromptu speaking), junior Mark Gingerick (broadcasting), sophomore Kristin Kearney (oratory), freshman Brandi Lewis (poetry interpretation), sophomore Josh Mueller (informative speaking 9/10), sophomore Crystal Pilon (dramatic interpretation), freshman Mark Weaver (prose interpretation) and sophomore Tristan Williams (prose interpretation).

Nearly 190 students participated in the meet held at Alma College, said

Camp Grayling National Guard Training Schedule Weekend Training

Dates:	Strength:
Feb. 1 - Feb. 2	414
Feb. 8 - Feb. 9	464
Feb. 14 - Feb. 15	190
Mar. 1 - Mar. 2	394
Mar. 8 - Mar. 9	756
Mar. 15 - Mar. 16	400
Mar. 22 - Mar. 23	70
Apr. 5 - Apr. 6	1,134
Apr. 12 - Apr. 13	1,194
Apr. 19 - Apr. 20	1,281
Apr. 26 - Apr. 27	344
May 3 - May 4	845
May 10 - May 11	134
May 17 - May 18	2,385
June 7 - June 8	529
June 14 - June 15	150
July 12 - July 13	1,729
July 19 - July 20	426
July 26 - July 27	492
Aug. 2 - Aug. 3	905
Aug. 16 - Aug. 17	852
Sep. 6 - Sep. 7	1,143
Sep. 13 - Sep. 14	1,547

Annual Training

Dates:	Command:	Strength:
June 12 - June 28	Army Reserve	134
June 14 - June 28	Michigan Guard	6,150
July 7 - July 29	Army Reserve	135
July 12 - July 26	Ohio Guard	4,714
July 26 - Aug. 8	Indiana Guard	1,050
Aug. 9 - Aug. 24	Michigan Guard	700

This data is current as of March 1. The chart covers the training schedule for 1997. These figures are not set in stone, and may be adjusted as need arises. The schedule information was provided by the Camp Grayling Office of Public Affairs.

AuSable Primary to hold Arts and Smarts Fair

The AuSable Primary School will be holding an Arts and Smarts Fair on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The fair is focusing on multiple intelligences this year. The multiple intelligences are: Linguistic - word smart; Logical-Mathematical - number smart or logic smart; Spatial - picture smart; Bodily-Kinesthetic - body smart, sports smart or hand smart; Musical - music smart; Interpersonal - people smart; Intrapersonal - self smart; and Naturalist - nature smart.

The projects will not be judged this year, but each student will receive a

participation award.

There will be hands-on tables where students can experience the multiple intelligences. These include tie die T-shirts (bring your own shirt), various science experiments, book making, hands-on math and a game table.

There will also be presentations occurring every 20 minutes, beginning at 10:20 a.m. These will include the intelligences of music, naturalist, bodily-kinesthetic and verbal-linguistic.

A gallery of art displays will be in the school's library. This year's art theme is "Through a Window".

coach Robin Pawley, who teaches Forensics, Debate and Freshman Language Arts at GHS.

Pawley and parent Marti Gosling worked as judges at the meet.

On Saturday, March 15, the Grayling

team will hold the third annual Viking Invitational Tournament at the high school.

Anyone who would like to serve as judge can contact Pawley at the high school (348-7641, ext. 116).

GES science, art fair to be held March 15

The Grayling Elementary School will be holding a Science and art Fair on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Eighty-two science projects will be displayed. Judging of these projects will take place Friday, March 14.

Students will receive ribbons for participation and outstanding projects will also be recognized. All entrants will be entered to win door prizes which will be given out throughout the day.

Seventy-eight art projects will be showcased in the library. The theme for the art projects is "Wooden it be nice."

Students have interpreted this theme in several ways and projects include things made out of wood, artwork in a woodland setting and dreams of a perfect world.

Many different media will be used in these pieces of art. Writing projects may also be included as a part of the art fair. Wendy's Restaurant will recognize outstanding artwork again this year.

The entire GES staff is involved in the program. Karen Leslie and Dawn Feldhauser are the chairpeople for the science fair. Deanna Johnston and Chris Burrell are in charge of the art fair.

Crawford County Avalanche, Your Hometown News

Frederic kids enjoyed puppets

On Jan. 13 Frederic Elementary School staff, students and parents had the opportunity to work with Beth Katz and her "Red Rug Puppet Theatre."

Katz believes that writing is as natural for kids as walking and talking. Armed with crazy puppets, educational household objects and a stack of library books, Katz worked to create a fun time for children to discover and develop their talents for writing.

Katz's program drew a lot of participation from the Frederic students.

NAFTA faces opposition from Grayling lawmaker

A northern Michigan legislator wants congress to oppose extension of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) recently co-sponsored a House resolution urging federal lawmakers to avoid a NAFTA expansion.

"These trade agreements export middle class jobs from Michigan to Third world countries," Lowe said. "NAFTA's track record is filled with costly problems in an unstable region."

Lowe said the Mexican peso collapsed during a financial crisis following NAFTA's approval. NAFTA's supporters then engineered a \$50 billion bailout of the Mexican currency paid for by American taxpayers.

"I don't want history to repeat itself," Lowe said. "Lacking a sound monetary system, the potential for financial instability persists in other Latin American countries like Argentina and Chile. If NAFTA is extended throughout the region, we are inviting disaster."

"Until these nations get their houses in order, we must remain cautious. By rushing into more agreements with them, we jeopardize our own financial security and risk taxpayer money to foreign corruption."

HOMETOWN NEWS

Patrick and Lynn Mier announce the arrival of Parrish Michael. He was born Jan. 23, 1997, and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 and-a-half inches long.

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE --- These Frederic Elementary students really got involved, as they held their puppet-type items for the program. Beth Katz put on the program for students, parents and staff.

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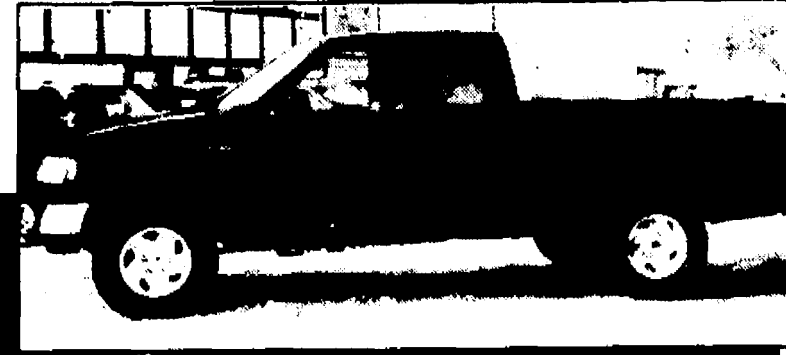


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POINT OF VIEW

by Kent S. Reynolds, Superintendent

The Crawford AuSable School District under Proposal A

In the spring of 1994, Michigan voters approved sweeping school finance reform known as Proposal A. The two major goals for Proposal A were to create greater financial equity among school districts and to reduce taxpayers' property tax burden. As we move toward adoption of our 1997-98 school year budget, the fourth year under Proposal A, I'd like to report on the impact of Proposal A on the Crawford AuSable School District.

In the 1993-94 school year, the last year before implementation of Proposal A, only seven of the 525 Michigan K-12 school districts spent less money per student than the Crawford AuSable School District. Large reductions in state funding that were announced after adoption of the district budget for that year resulted in a deficit of \$455,452 for the year, reducing the district fund equity by more than half. Proposal A has reduced the gap between rich and poor districts. Homeowners in the Crawford AuSable School District had their school operational property taxes reduced from 26.72 mills to 6 mills. The reduction is worth \$518 annually to the owner of a home valued at \$50,000.

Proposal A has helped the Crawford AuSable School District. We have financial stability in the district which

has enabled us to improve our programs and services. We have a balanced budget with a reasonable fund equity. We have attained North Central Association accreditation, reduced class sizes, improved supervision, improved maintenance, increased fine arts instructional programs, and increased opportunities for participation in co-curricular activities.

Two other positive impacts deserve mention. First, the property tax reduction under Proposal A was a positive factor in the district passing a bond issue to build the new AuSable Primary School, renovate existing buildings, add technology, and build a new athletic field. That bond issue is currently costing the taxpayers of the district only 0.08 mills, \$2 per year for the average taxpayer. Second, the Crawford AuSable School District has funded the operational costs of the new building without a tax increase. In pre-Proposal A bond issue attempts, the district asked for a 1.60 mill increase to fund the operational costs of the new building. The increase of 1.60 mills would cost the taxpayers of the district \$473,000 today, about \$207 per student. The full amount was funded by the district foundation grant under Proposal A.

Proposal A funds education through

a per student foundation grant, set for the first year, 1994-95, at \$5,000 per student. Legislators believed that \$5,000 was too large an increase for low spending districts such as Crawford AuSable which spent \$3,789 per student for 1993-94. Therefore a minimum foundation grant of \$4,200 was established for low spending districts with the promise that they will receive double the increase in the annual foundation grant until reaching the base level. In 1997-98, the Crawford AuSable foundation grant is projected to increase to \$5,090, an increase of 31.22 percent since the pre-Proposal A year and 21.9 percent since 1994-95. The state foundation grant is projected to increase to \$5,445, and increase of 8.9 percent since 1994-95. Although the gap between the highest spending and lowest spending districts is closing, many districts have funding well over the foundation grant level, in some cases more than \$10,000 per student.

Three factors have reduced the effective increase for the Crawford AuSable School District. First, with Proposal A, the state now requires districts to pay the full cost of retirement and social security for employees, costs mostly born by the State before Proposal A. This new obligation costs

the district \$290 of the per student foundation grant increase. Second, the district has had to make up the pre-Proposal A deficit costing the district \$50 of the increase. Third, \$121 of the increase has gone to fund additional special education services, services mandated by state and federal law.

During the four years of Proposal A, the State has calculated the cost of inflation at a cumulative 11 percent. Considering the cost of mandated social security and retirement payments, the cost of deficit reduction, and the increased cost of special education services, the effective increase in the foundation grant for the Crawford AuSable School District is 19.33 percent over the four years rather than the apparent 31.22 percent. When the cost of inflation is considered, the effective increase in the foundation grant for the Crawford AuSable School District is only 8.33 percent.

In recent press releases from the Department of Education and the Governor's Office, the Crawford AuSable School District funding increase since Proposal A was listed at 35.9 percent. There are two reasons for the discrepancy from the foundation grant numbers. First, the State added "at risk" categorical funds

to the foundation grant. Second, the release from the State has an error in arithmetic. The state release shows an increase from 1993-94 to 1997-98 of from \$3,879 per student, to \$5,257, an increase of 35.5 percent.

Using the revenues in the State release and applying the district's increased obligations, the effective increase in the foundation grant for the Crawford AuSable School District is 23.64 percent over the four years rather than the apparent 31.22 percent. When the cost of inflation is considered, the effective increase in the foundation grant for the Crawford AuSable School District is only 12.64 percent.

The Crawford AuSable School District has done well under Proposal A. We have opened a new building, hired additional employees to improve instruction, made a commitment to provide technology to prepare students for the future, improved our infrastructure, and stabilized our budget. The State and Governor's Office should focus on the original goals of Proposal A rather than to manipulate statistics in an attempt to advertise the financial gains as greater than they are.

Proposal A has not been a windfall. We anticipate two additional years receiving double the foundation grant

increase until we reach the basic grant level with all other low spending districts in the 2000-01 school year. In the best case scenario, increases will only match inflation when we reach the basic level. At that time, the gap between the highest and lowest spending districts will still be at least two to one unless the method for disbursement of funds is restructured to move the state closer to equity.

Proposal A has had a positive impact on the Crawford AuSable School District. It has been good for kids and good for taxpayers. I urge the Governor's Office to keep the impact in perspective and to stop using the data for political purposes. Increases should be stated in perspective with increased costs and mandates. Finally, it is important to note that the saving effect of Proposal A could disintegrate three years from now. The gap between high and low spending districts will not continue to shrink without an adjustment in the current disbursement plan. We have great challenges ahead of us. The State and the Governor's Office should address those challenges and stop "divide and conquer" political games.



Kent Reynolds



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

They did it right in Traverse City

HIGH SCHOOL sports can be refreshing.

It also can be agonizing, frustrating, disappointing and a bunch of other things.

But more often than not, high school athletes and the games they play are refreshing.

When it comes to eligibility, and the right to participate, and suspensions, and forfeits, and athletes breaking training rules ... well, sometimes it's not so refreshing, especially when administrators and parents become directly, vociferously, defensively involved.

That's why a recent situation at Traverse City high school deserves special attention.

THE TRAVERSE CITY basketball team got off to a great start this year, running its record to 14-0 and ranked second in Class A in most state polls.

The Trojans arguably were on their way to a state championship, or at the very least a great showing in the March tournaments.

Potential for high school greatness was especially significant for Traverse City because next year, its school district is scheduled to open a second high school.

From now on, the district's athletic talent will be split between the two schools. This 1996-97 Class A basketball team likely would be the finest team Traverse City could put on the floor for a good many years to come.

But then something strange happened on the way to the state championship.

THREE STARTING players, along with two reserves and one junior varsity player were suspended by school officials for the rest of the season because they had attended a holiday party where alcohol was available.

If that's all there was to the holiday incident, it's simple enough. Plenty of teenagers go to parties where alcohol is served.

But rules are rules, and the Traverse City athletic program had rules, and they were followed. Suspended.

So what's so special about following rules?

What about loopholes? What about an injunction? What about suing somebody about something? What about delaying discipline, at least until after the season? What about the rights of the kids?

In Traverse City, it didn't happen. A rule is a rule. Suspended.

Three varsity players did, in fact,

appeal the ruling, which would have allowed them to play until a hearing was held.

But they backed off before the next game.

Explained Coach Jon Constant: "The kids couldn't live with a lie, and withdrew the appeal."

WHEN THE Trojans, still undefeated, went to Mr. Pleasant to play the then-No. 1 ranked Mt. Pleasant team, hopes were slim. But Traverse City somehow pulled off a surprise win.

Among those in the stands at Mt. Pleasant to cheer on the team were three of the suspended Trojan players.

"They were there just to support their teammates," said Coach Constant. "It took some character for them to be there. And they were the first ones who came running up to me afterward. That was special."

Traverse City has faded a bit in the statewide rankings lately. The Trojans won't be favored for a state championship, and probably won't get very far in the state tournaments.

But something more important has been accomplished in Traverse City — something called honesty, and fairness, and integrity.

YOUNG PEOPLE can be confused by rules.

There's star baseballer Roberto Alomar, who spit in an umpire's face last fall, and was suspended for five games, the sentence to be served the next season so it wouldn't interfere with the playoffs.

Or Nebraska footballer Lawrence Phillips, facing criminal charges for beating up his girlfriend, who sat out a couple of games but played most of the season, including a bowl game.

And there's always Dennis Rodman, whose main purpose in life seems to be to serve as a bad example.

What do young folks learn from cases like these? They learn that if you're talented enough, and the desire to win is strong enough, then rules don't really matter.

That's not the lesson from Traverse City.

All those involved in the Traverse City incident — including the disciplined players, for how they handled their adversity — deserve credit for their actions, especially from parents, coaches and others who try to instill sound values in young people.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race track is a chance for Grayling to grow

To the editor,

I was surprised and delighted with all the fine people that signed the petitions and showed up for the commissioners meeting on Feb. 18. Your support is not only appreciated but is needed. It's exciting to see grassroots democracy at work in such a civil and orderly fashion, the way our forefathers intended it to be.

It's been 20 years since I've moved here from a farm in Pinconning. In this short period of time, I've had many a good times and made a lifetime of good memories. But I've also watched this community, my home, go from a pleasant and exciting place to live and vacation to a gas station/rest area for the rest of northern Michigan. Instead of a destination, we have become just a designation on the map. I can't count the times, after being introduced, people will come up to me later and say, so your from Grayling, nice town. Sorry I'm from Grayling. Oh, isn't that near Grayling? What does that tell you about our community?

For far too long, the people elected to our governmental positions have been reluctant to allow growth in our county except for the forestry/timber industry. As a result, as the forest goes so does Crawford County. Thank God the Kirtland Warbler doesn't live in

the hardwoods and white pines. I see our motels and restaurants barely hanging on. The downtown area is drying up like a grape plucked from its vine, the vine being tourist, vacationers, national guardsmen, snowmobilers, you and me. I believe this community can grow tremendously, both economically and culturally, without losing our smalltown/milltown flavor, if the right kinds of developments are allowed here.

Seeing what I have seen, doing what I have done, and knowing what I know, I just couldn't sit idly by and watch a chance for Crawford County to be resuscitated go by the wayside. That's why I've involved myself in looking into the race track. In the coming weeks there will be more letters and information forthcoming about the project. As the racetrack task force furthers its investigations into the development, we will be holding public meetings. I know there are a lot of people out there who feel the same way about their community as I do. So please get involved or my children will be talking to their grandchildren about Grayling the way we now talk about Deward.

Fred Fedak
Grayling

Editor's Quote Book

To consider oneself different from ordinary men is wrong, but it is right to hope that one will not remain like ordinary men.

Yoshida Shoin

Editor's Quote Book

The number of people in possession of any criteria for discriminating between good and evil is very small.

T.S. Elliot

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-

space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

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be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

Clarification made in court system issue

To the editor,

For two weeks in a row, the Avalanche has printed articles which incorrectly imply that the Crawford County court system is seeking to add a new position to our court staff. That is wrong.

The Court is in the process of filling a vacancy which was created when an employee moved out of the area. The

position of Civil Case Clerk in the District Court has existed for approximately 22 years. The Court is not adding additional staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this issue.

Alton T. Davis
Chief Judge
46th Circuit Trial Court

Economic growth directly connected to possible new businesses

To the editor,

I very much appreciate the letters in the Feb. 13 edition of the Avalanche in reference to the proposed race complex. Well said. I too am disappointed in the board of commissioners' lack of foresight towards the economic growth of this community.

I have an idea that the members of the board might be more receptive too. How about a drop box at the Grayling exit off I-75? Those who are interested

in starting a new business in Grayling, and the tourists too, can slow down at the exit ramp, put their money into the drop box, then continue on to the first turn-around, make a left and get back onto the expressway. With this plan the Crawford County "controllers" will not have to put up with, or be bothered by those outside this community, but will still have their dollars rolling in.

Mickie Meyers
Grayling

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time for this county to seek financial growth

To the editor,

The question on all of our minds is this — Did we get passed on another financial prospect? It kind of looks that way doesn't it? Why is it we cannot seem to bring new businesses or hope to our county? Is it because all of the people of Crawford County said no, we do not want to see our county flourish? Perhaps not.

We are heading for a serious problem here folks and unless we start developing this county financially, I believe we will be living in a ghost town pretty soon. It's time the county commissioners start asking us (the people) what we want instead of assuming otherwise. Believe it or not, I know a lot of people in Crawford County who want to see Grayling grow and not see all of the cities around us do so instead.

This article isn't just about the race-track proposal, but about the fact that Grayling can't seem to get ahead. Grayling needs to have another department store, another supermarket to give us some more variety, to as we're not running out of town to find

what we need; or maybe because we can get it at a better price. My point is this, how many times have you went out of town, let's say Gaylord, Houghton Lake, Traverse City, and seen people you know from Grayling doing their shopping because they can't find what they needed here in Grayling? So why should we be spending our money elsewhere, when we could be putting it back into our own community?

Putting a race track of such magnitude into our county would not only bring in more businesses, but it would also create more jobs, thus making more money and helping the people of Crawford and supporting our schools. Grayling is and always will be a wonderful place to live, but the people who govern this community need not to shy away from an excellent opportunity, but instead let it in and help the economic growth of a county we are so proud of and care for.

James J. Pickell

Joan Bitner

Ellen Patterson

all of Grayling

Is bigger always better?

To the editor,

I might be missing something, but why does this community and the surrounding area have to continue to grow and grow? Granted the area could use more good paying jobs. Bigger communities do employ more people. Common sense dictates that. But bigger communities also have more problems, more crime, more traffic, more noise, more environmental concerns and also draw more people to compete for the jobs that are created there.

Why is there a steady stream of traffic headed north every weekend and all summer long? I believe that most downstate people feel forced to escape the congestion, crowds and

hassles that they deal with on a daily basis, in search of a cleaner, quieter and more relaxing environment, something that we have on a daily basis.

If the proposed race complex does locate here and adds to the "growth" of the area, are we going to be able to say "O.K. that's enough, let's stay about this size," or just let it keep growing and growing.

Personally, I'm not 100 percent against this endeavor, but I would like to see all the facts and urge everyone to step back and look at the whole picture. I guess the bottom line is, will the day come that we feel forced to escape?

Jeff McClain

Grayling

Public hearing set to discuss care of Clearwater Trail

A special assessment may be spread by Grayling Township to allow for township residents along one road to pay for maintenance of the private road.

The purpose of the proposed special assessment is to provide for snowplowing of the Clearwater Trail in Grayling Township. The trail is not a township road, but state law allows for township to spread the special assessment and collect the money from the property owners on a private road project.

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 11 at 8 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall to discuss the proposed special assessment. The township board members at their Feb. 11 board meeting authorized Supervisor Terry Wright to draw the tentative special assessment roll.

The issue of maintaining the Clearwater Trail was first brought up by residents at the December board meeting. The idea was tabled in December so ideas on handling the snowplowing could be gathered.

A bid was offered by Gary Fox, a Clearwater Trail resident. The proposal from the February meeting was for \$875 per year for snowplowing the trail. Other items of maintenance — grading and gravel — would be handled separately and privately by the property owners.

The decision on the proposed special assessment could be made following the March 11 public hearing.

In other recent Grayling Township board action, Walter Walsh was appointed to the Grayling Recreation Authority. Walsh takes over for Ron Gribb, who resigned from the position.

Older Worker Week highlights changing trend

In the first four decades after the end of World War II, the vast majority of people retired when they reached the age of 65. But according to recent research conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), that trend is now showing signs of change. The number of persons remaining in the work force after age 65 has actually risen 31 percent since 1985, and that figure is likely to increase in the years ahead.

"This is a factor which Michigan businesses should be paying close attention to," said Carol M. Parr, acting director of the Michigan Offices of Services to the Aging. "As we approach the national and state commemoration of Older Worker Week, it gives us the perfect opportunity to point out why utilizing the skills and talents of older adults makes sense."

Governor John Engler recently declared Older Worker Week (March 9-15) in Michigan. An event established some 38 years ago at the national level by the American Legion to create awareness of age discrimination and other barriers to participation by older adults in the work force. The governor said this commemoration gives

Michigan citizens and businesses the opportunity to recognize senior citizens as an integral part of Michigan's work force.

Michigan seniors, like those across the nation, continue to work because they like to work, said Parr. Many were reared in homes where hard work was a given, such as 74-year-old waitress Edith Handy, of Grand Rapids, who told AARP researchers, "I'm one of those nuts who like to work. I'm like that little bunny rabbit that just keeps going."

"Many older adults just enjoy the satisfaction that comes from working," Parr said. "Two of our agency's receptionists, one age 70, the other age 80, are cut from that mold of a history of hard work. If you've been reared with a strong work ethic, it is not something that often leaves you in older adulthood."

Many who work beyond 65, according to AARP's findings, do so in the belief that it keeps them healthy and adds years to their life. As proof of this, one 81-year-old senior interviewed in the study, a mail carrier for 45 years, has to his credit more than 3,500 hours of unused sick leave.

Everyone needs to help in battle of underage smoking

To the editor,

... and to other concerned, community-minded folks living in Crawford County.

We, at New Life Community Service in Grayling, also are concerned about the increase of tobacco use amongst our youth. The latest University of Michigan study in northern Michigan revealed that in the 30 days prior to the survey, 21 percent of the eighth graders, 30 percent of the tenth graders, and 34 percent of the twelfth graders smoked.

Almost no one begins smoking after the age of 18. Once a youngster starts smoking, he/she quickly becomes addicted to nicotine and finds it as difficult to quit as an adult does. So, what are the answers? We can work on this problem at different levels: federal; community; school; individual.

At the federal level, several months ago, the FDA issued a rule to reduce smoking among children. The rule will reduce the availability of tobacco to children and restrict advertising directed to children. As the first sections of this rule go into effect, the tobacco companies have already cried "foul" and filed a lawsuit to block these regulations. The tobacco companies claim that the regulations are a violation of first amendment rights (advertising restrictions) and are the first steps in banning cigarettes.

These regulations are not about free speech or banning cigarettes. They are about protecting children's health. The tobacco companies are only interested in protecting their profits and in order to do that, they need children to become addicted to nicotine, a deadly and

highly addictive substance. These regulations are long overdue.

At the community level, we encourage your participation in ALIVE!, a local group formed to promote teen abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence and sexual activity. Anyone is invited to participate — teens, parents, professionals.

At the school level, prevention education is needed. With funding provided by Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Service, Grayling Youth Boosters, Grayling Lions Club, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Mio, and other sources, New Life offers programs to second, third, fourth and eighth graders in Crawford County. New Life recently received a \$500 grant from the Total Health and Education Foundation to purchase visual aids to assist us in our education efforts in the Crawford AuSable School District and in the community. Donations from individuals and organizations to continue our work are always welcome.

At the individual level, what could be more important than being a good role model for our children? Specifically, as owners of businesses who sell tobacco products, check the ID of everyone who appears to be younger than 26, and do not sell to anyone under the age of 18.

As individuals who already have a nicotine habit, we can quit, not smoke in front of children, and tell our children about the addictive nature of nicotine.

Roberta Burns

New Life Agency Director

Nominations wanted for KCC alumni

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is looking for nominations for the 1997 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Selection criteria considers additional education beyond that received at Kirtland, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership, and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or education in general. The nominee must have graduated in 1997 or before with a Certificate of Completion or Associate Degree.

Persons may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected receive automatic consideration each year.

The alumnus selected will be recognized and asked to speak briefly at the college graduation ceremony on May 9. His or her name will also be engraved on a plaque in the administration building on the campus.

Formal written nomination highlighting the above criteria may be sent by March 21 to Cary Vajda, Dean of Student Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI.

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Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

Average Base: Twelve-inch packed base. Surface Conditions: Hard-packed, spring-like conditions, 2.5 miles open, Tidd Tech groomed, double track set, 12 ft. wide skating lane, 8/10 mile lighted loop open. No trail fee. Store Hours: Open seven days a week, 10 am to 6 pm. Ski equipment and snowshoe rental available. (517) 348-8558

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FRI. 7	•"THIMBOLINA," a Bit N Pieces Puppet Theatre performed @ Kirtland Community College, 9:30 & 11 am, and 1 pm. •WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS. •MS SPRING play casting, 3:30 pm.
SAT. 9	•VB REGIONALS •WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS. •HS FORENSICS Chemical Classic @ Midland.
SUN. 8	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •TAKE A WINTER STROLL through Hartwick Pines State Park.
MON. 10	•SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. •WELCOME WAGON Newcomers meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. Call Marylou @ 348-5816 for more information. •KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES. 11	•CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE Council meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm. •BBB REGIONALS through the 15th.
WED. 12	•GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION and support group at New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. Please call 348-2544. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •AUSABLE PRIMARY 1st grade concert @ AP cafeteria, 7 pm.



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Religious Persecution

Liberal groups are trying to destroy our public exercise of religion in the name of protecting the First Amendment. The ACLU is trying to force a judge to remove the Ten Commandments from a courtroom wall in Alabama because he might proselytize criminals. The federal court has already removed the Ten Commandments from a school in Kentucky because the students might read them and be morally influenced.

Religious zoning, taxation, and regulation are multiplying across America. In the February 1997 issue of the *Minuteman Alert*, a monthly prayer letter from the Christian Law Association, they list a sample of their activities in all 50 states defending our religious freedoms. In North Carolina a store owner's lease has been canceled at the local mall for offering free Bibles and tracts in his store. A city in Ohio is fighting to retain the likeness of the

Bible and Cross on its town seal. In Connecticut a church was not allowed to rent a building because zoning restrictions would not allow the Bible to be taught there.

In Ohio a public school was told to take down a picture of Jesus Christ which has been hanging in the school for 50 years. Even in Michigan the CLA legal staff has recently had to defend the rights of Christian students in the public schools.

Public witnessing of the gospel of Jesus Christ has recently come under legal attack in California, Georgia, Indiana, and South Carolina. State attempts have been made to license the gospel ministry in Alabama and Georgia.

But our biggest problem is not liberal persecution, but Christian apathy. (Acts 4:29) "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they

may speak thy word." (Acts 17:3) "Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." (Mark 16:15-16) "And He (Christ) said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Acts 5:29) When persecuted we need to respond like the apostle Peter: "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." (Psalms 119:112) "I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end."

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GOAL REACHED — Jerry Gosnell, one of the campaign co-chairs, paints the United Way sign, showing that the 1996 drive has reached the goal of \$80,000. The sign is located along M-72 West.

Fish consumption warning left unchanged by state

House Speaker Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) and state Rep. Mary Schroer (D-Ann Arbor) said that the state's program for notifying women and children of the health risks associated with eating Great Lakes salmon continues to be fundamentally flawed. "Despite recent news reports to the contrary, the Department of Community Health has taken no action to improve its fish advisory to reflect the dangers of eating Great Lakes salmon," Hertel said. "We continue to encourage the Department to work cooperatively with us to give Michigan families the specifics they need to make informed dietary decisions."

News reports last week said the Department of Community Health had changed its advisory to conform with standards sought by House Democrats and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. However, the Department issued a statement Feb. 21 reiterating the Engler Administration's position that the current fish advisory is adequate, and that no change is forthcoming.

Of all the Great Lakes states, Michigan has done the least to inform at-risk populations of the dangers of consuming salmon which contain PCBs in their fatty tissue. The state's inaction has raised concerns at the Environmental Protection Agency, which has been pushing for a better fish advisory. The Engler Administration has delayed through weeks of political posturing, according to Democratic officials.

"We shouldn't be waging a turf war between the federal and state governments," Schroer said. "The current fish advisory fails to properly inform vulnerable consumers of their health risk, and fails to adequately distribute this information. It's time to change the system."

Schroer has introduced legislation to adopt the advisory protocol recommended in 1993 by a special Great Lakes governors' task force.

That protocol uses a high standard to determine the maximum recommended consumption of PCBs for pregnant women and children. The legislation requires salmon to be included in the advisory, and expands the state's notification program to include all women of childbearing age.

"I want Michigan to adopt the protocol every other Great Lakes state uses to protect women and children from the dangers of contaminated salmon," Schroer said. "What makes Michigan different from every other one of these states? Is it its fish, or its Governor?"

Hertel said Schroer's bill remains a priority for House Democrats to pass

during the first 90 days of the legislative session.

"The state has a responsibility to its citizens to be as forthcoming as possible with regard to environmental health hazards," Hertel said. "We intend to move forward to ensure that a stubborn bureaucracy doesn't put Michigan's families at risk."

Support garnered by United Way to reach goal

At the beginning of the annual United Way Fund Drive, the Crawford County organization set its largest goal ever.

According to preliminary estimates, the Crawford County United Way has reached the campaign goal of \$80,000. The 1996 campaign began in October to raise money to help support 19 community organizations and agencies.

The cash in hand and the pledges made have been totaled for the drive. The goal was estimated to be reached based on the average monthly donation from area businesses employee payroll deductions. A portion of the money raised by United Way is pledged by residents through payroll deductions.

Jerry and Marianne Gosnell, and Bill Gannon were the campaign co-chairpersons for the 1996 fund drive. The Gosnells have already agreed to serve as co-chairs for 1997 with a new chairperson member.

"The drive went very well," Jerry Gosnell said. "The state of the economy is better which helped out in getting donations."

The co-chairpersons started out the fund drive last year by sending out a mailing to area businesses. They followed that up with letters and phone

calls. Jerry Gosnell said they sent out almost 5,000 mailings to Crawford County residents.

The 19 local organizations that receive United Way support are the American Red Cross, AuSable Ministerial Association, Kenquest House, Youth Services, New Life Community Service, Grayling Co-op Nursery, ROOC, River House Shelter, 4-H Youth Program, Hospice With Loving Care, Crawford AuSable Day Care, Mercy Child Care Center, Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council, RSVP of Crawford County, KCC Volunteer Center, Girl Scouts and Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

The Crawford County United Way distributes the money to the agencies on a quarterly basis. The first allocation was distributed in January.

In addition to the campaign co-chairs, the 1996 officers were Jerry Foehl, president; Paul Thomson, vice-president; Judy Woodland, secretary; and Linda Golnick, treasurer.

The board of director members are Bill Borchers, D.J. Brown, Mark Furst, Bill Kraus, Gloria Kraus, Maureen McNamara, Arlisle Gillespie and Jeanette Kitchen.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

The drop box has been moved to the back entrance at the Crawford County Library.

Due to snow-covered sidewalks and complaints, the Crawford County Library Board of Trustees voted to move the drop box to the back entrance. The back entrance location will allow people to park their car and return books safely.

Federal tax forms and publications are available free, reproducible or on CD ROM.

Free state and federal forms are in the front entrance area. A booklet of Michigan tax forms has been provided

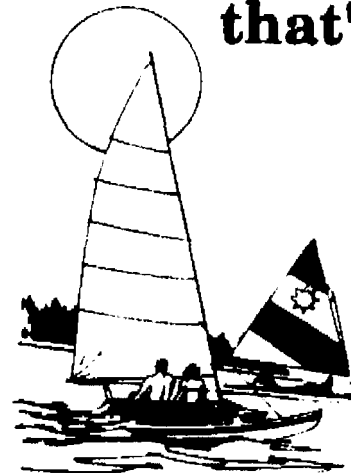
by Rep. Allen Lowe.

The reproducible books of tax forms are at the desk for both state and federal tax forms. Copies are 25 cents a page.

Also, ask at the desk to use the 1996 Federal Tax Forms on CD ROM for the hard-to-find publications and forms. A person can browse forms and publications free and copies are 25 cents a page.

The Crawford County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The library's phone number is 348-9214.

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HIS 202	6-9:25 pm	American History 1820 - 1900	Tuesday
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MKT 330	6-9:25 pm	Marketing Communications	Tuesday
COM 122	6-9:25 pm	College Writing II	Wednesday
ECO 301	6-9:25 pm	Microeconomics	Wednesday
MKT 301	6-9:25 pm	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday
ACC 302	6-9:25 pm	Intermediate Accounting II	Thursday
ACC 203	6-9:25 pm	Cost Accounting I	Thursday
CIS 101	6-9:25 pm	Computer Information Processing	Thursday
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Good enough really isn't good enough.

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Happenings at the Center: Remember, "Pantry Bingo" every Friday at 1 p.m. On March 6 at 12:15 there will be a speaker from Hospice. Sheila Simpson will be here to answer questions you may have and give you an in-depth explanation of what they have to offer. On Monday, March 10, there will be the Share Program sign-up at the Center from 10 until 2. For more information on this program, give us a call. On Tuesday, March 11, there will be a St. Patrick's dance with Tina; Birthday Luncheon on March 12 at 12:30 for all the March birthday people; Sunday potluck on March 14 at 4 p.m. — just bring a dish to pass and your tableware.

Please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Friday

from 9 to 3 (517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500).

Join us for meals. We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. There is a vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; soup served on Monday and Wednesday, and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. The charge is a \$1.50 donation for seniors, and \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you ... you should becoming to us.

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- March
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6—BBQ Beef/Meatballs
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Junior licenses however went down in price. A small game for juniors ages 12 to 16 is now \$1.00 and bow and arrow deer is \$6.50.

Some of the regular licenses prices went up and some went down, but all are changed!!

M-72 • 1/4 Mile West of Grayling, MI

Folks moves to Grayling, takes fifth-grade job

by Nancy Lemmen

Vanessa Folks, who moved to Michigan in June, was hired last fall by the Crawford AuSable School District to teach fifth grade at Grayling Elementary School.

Folks, from Coalinga, Calif., earned a bachelor's degree in social science from Chapman University in Orange County. This is her sixth year teaching fifth grade.

"I really enjoy the fifth-grade students and curriculum," said Folks. "I was real excited when I learned there was a fifth-grade position open."

She moved to Grayling with her husband, George, who works for Unocal. The Folks' have two daughters attending college in California and one son, Jed, a student at Grayling High School.

Folks said she loves teaching and wants her students to be excited about learning.

"Teaching is a very rewarding job," she said.

Ellen Thompson is principal of Grayling Elementary School, where Folks teaches fifth grade.

"Vanessa is a fantastic teacher," said Thompson. "She is not only positive, upbeat and cheerful, but she's also very organized. She has very high

expectations for her students academically and makes them feel that they can make it. Her kids have wonderful success — not only in academics but also in their behavior, both in and out of the classroom.

"She's a real asset to have around," Thompson said. She has brought to our school a wealth of ideas and information from her previous school and just makes us stronger by being here."

Mary Smock, Grayling Elementary Title I teacher, was on the committee that interviewed Folks.

"Vanessa takes a personal interest in her students," said Smock. "She nurtures and encourages each of them to be the best they can be."

Smock's daughter Kristen is a student in Folks' fifth grade class.

"In the words of my daughter Kristen," said Smock, "Mrs. Folks doesn't yell. She's really nice. She lets us do special things if we're really good. She gives us extra help on our school work. She smiles and likes to laugh. She thinks she has a great class."

"I feel very fortunate that Mrs. Folks is my daughter's teacher and also a dedicated member of our staff at Grayling Elementary School," said Smock.

Folks replaced Nancy Fagerlie, who retired.

In her leisure time, Folks enjoys gardening, crafts, reading and horses.

"My son rodeos and my husband and I travel with him," she said. "We have joined the Michigan High School Rodeo Association."

The Folks family is also enjoying their first winter with snow.

"Snow is a new experience for us and we are really enjoying the winter activities," said Folks. "I have to say driving in the snow is a real challenge for me."



NEW GTEACHER—Vanessa Folks, new fifth grade teacher, chats with her class following lunch period.

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from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative
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Of course, if the new marriage would mean more income as a wife or husband, that amount would be paid instead. The good news is that older people thinking about remarrying don't need to calculate the amount of their checks from Social Security under different marriage scenarios. Social Security will be glad to do it for you. Just call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 for all the information.

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BRIEFS

Bowling association to hold spring meeting

Grayling Womens Bowling Association will hold its annual spring meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Awards from tournaments will be presented and the election of officers will be held.

Coffee house to have readings

On Friday, March 7, Friends & Co. Coffee House will have readings by Al Helluse and Jerry LaFemina, a local professor at Kirtland Community College. The readings will begin at 7 p.m.

Congregations gathering to worship

A community worship singspiration will be held Sunday, March 16 at the Grayling Middle School cafeteria at 6 p.m. Local Pastors have indicated the desire to come together during the Easter season to worship Jesus Christ. Interested musicians or soloists who would like to participate should call 348-8885, 348-5325 or 348-2557 by March 12.

Lift-A-Thon to be held in March

The Grayling High School football team will be hosting the second annual Lift-A-Thon to raise funds for the GHS weight room. All students and athletic team members use the weight room, therefore, the Lift-A-Thon will benefit everyone. Participants gathering pledges and donations equal to \$5 will be given a free event T-shirt. A \$5 entrance fee will be accepted for those not collecting donations. Those interested in participating must call coach Patterson at 348-7641.

Ostomy association to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. in classroom C and D at the Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey.

Parenting classes to start March 6

"Active Parenting Today" is a video/discussion program, designed for parents of children ages 2 to 12. The titles of the six sessions are: Active Parenting Today ... and Every Day, Instilling Courage and Self-esteem, Understanding Your Child's Thinking, Making Responsibility a Reality, Creating Cooperative Kids and Solving Problems Together. The first class will be held on Thursday, March 6 at the Frederic Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. To register call 348-2844 ext. 264.

Miami U. announces dean's list

Gregory P. Mesack, Grayling, was recently named to the Miami University (of Ohio) dean's list. Mesack earned at least a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the fall semester list.

Pictionary Olympics set

The 10th Annual Pictionary Olympics is set for Friday, March 14 at the K of C Hall in Grayling. Teams will be introduced at 7:30 p.m. and then the four rounds of Pictionary will begin. A \$60 entry fee donation will be used to support the AuSable River Festival which is sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association. Call Linda Stephens at 348-2089 or Gerry Van-Sickle at 348-7631 for an application.

SHARE sign-up to be held

There will be a SHARE sign-up on March 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. SHARE pick-up will be held March 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on N. Down River Rd. Effective April 1, the cost per share will increase from \$14 to \$15. The extra meat package will increase from \$8 to \$9.

Soccer club to be formed for GMS

A new 4-H middle school soccer club for students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades is being formed. Players will play "short sighted" soccer, which is teams of eight players, with five members playing on the field at one time. This will give each player more opportunity to learn basic soccer skills. The goal is to instill self-esteem and encourage leadership skills, while improving soccer skills. Parent volunteers are needed (coaching experience is not required; training will be provided). An organizational meeting will be held in the basement of the courthouse on Wednesday, March 19.

Tax counseling for seniors available

Free tax counseling will again be available for senior citizens 60 years or older with low or moderate incomes at the Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Help in filing tax returns as well as property tax credits, home heating credits and prescription drug credits will be given on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seniors should bring with them, if available, copies of 1995 forms that they filed, all forms pertaining to income, taxes and/or rent paid, amounts paid for heating and prescription drugs for 1996 as well as any forms and/or tax booklets they have received.



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 125 incidents from Feb. 24 through Mar. 3:

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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Bone up on arthroplasty

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Answer: Air bags are extremely effective in saving adult lives in motor vehicle crashes when combined with lap and shoulder safety belts. Between 1986 and 1995, more than 1,100 lives were saved by air bags.

While air bags are effective in saving adult lives, research on the impact of passenger side air bags on children is not yet conclusive. Air bags have seriously injured and killed children who were unrestrained or improperly restrained. In addition, there are cases of children at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., who were properly restrained, but still sustained injuries from air bags.

The number of children injured by air bags is likely to increase proportionally as the number of air bag-equipped vehicles increases to meet federal mandates.

To help prevent air bag-related injuries and deaths to children, the National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommends the following safety tips:

- Never put an infant in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag. The back of a rear-facing infant or convertible seat rests too close to the air bag module. Due to the considerable force with which an air bag deploys, close or

direct contact with the air bag or its module may cause serious or fatal injuries to the infant.

- Properly restrain children in the back seat whenever possible. This applies both to motor vehicles with and without passenger side air bags. Use the following guidelines:

- Use a rear-facing infant or convertible seat from birth until the child is 12 months and 20 pounds.

- Use a forward-facing convertible seat for a child from 12 months and 20 pounds to 4 years and/or 40 pounds.

- Use a car booster seat for children who weigh between approximately 40 and 60 pounds — usually between 4 and 8 years old.

- Use a lap/shoulder belt for those children who have outgrown booster seats. Ensure that the lap belt fits across the child's hips and does not ride up across the stomach. The shoulder belt should fit across the chest and not cross the face or neck.

Parents or caregivers must put a child in the front seat (e.g. they have more than three children or there is no back seat) they should:

- put the largest child in the front passenger seat.
- ensure that the child is properly restrained, and
- move the vehicle seat as far back from the dashboard as possible.

Lowe plans bill to help in 'bad-weather' seasons

by Kamela Tresh
Capital News Service

Help for hotels and restaurants could be on the way, if crazy weather hits for a season and tourists don't come to visit.

Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) plans to introduce a bill this legislative session to offer low-interest loans to hotels and restaurants, if a mild winter or rainy summer made traveling unattractive to tourists.

This has been a problem in the past said Carl and Judy Craft, owners of the North Country Inn. "We had that problem in 1979. There were only two weekends of snow," said Judy Craft.

A low-interest loan would have been helpful that year, Craft said.

"You have your ups and downs," said Carl Craft. "It would be a good deal to help people in a tight bind." But he is concerned if the loans would be insured.

"It's a good idea," said Audrey Fouch, owner of the River Country Motor Lodge. "So far, we've been lucky and haven't had to borrow any money."

"It would be nice if that service was available," said Rex Thomas, manager of the AuSable Motel and Hospitality House. Thomas said it would help smaller businesses in the area if such problems occurred.

In other legislative work, the Grayling Republican wants to investigate ways to maintain state parks in better condition. "Many state forests and campgrounds have been closing for lack of funds," he said.

In other state action, Lowe disagrees with Gov. John Engler's plan in the recent State of the State address to take over failing schools. "It's a bad idea," Lowe said. "Someone else couldn't necessarily do a better job."

Under the proposed School District Accountability Act, if the dropout rate is higher than 25 percent or if 80 percent of the students fail the state proficiency test, the state would take over the school district.

The solution is to let kids out of failing school districts," he said. Children should be able to change schools in that case, he said.

Grayling realtors snag top awards

Realtors with RE/MAX Grayling were recently honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 1996. They received their awards at the RE/MAX of Michigan 18th Annual Regional Conference held Feb. 6-8 at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Jerry Gosnell and Bonnie Odell received the RE/MAX President's Club Award for helping between 12-21 families with their real estate transactions in 1996, which is above the national industry average of 11 transactions per year. Gary Boyd, Kim McClain and Broker/Co-Owner Charlene Scheer were awarded Executive Club honors for 22-35 real estate transactions (two to three times the industry average). Craig Hinkle,

broker/co-owner, was presented with the prestigious RE/MAX 100 Percent Club Award for helping 36 or more families with their real estate transactions (three times the industry average).

According to Eida Helm, regional director for RE/MAX of Michigan, "Individuals who receive awards from the RE/MAX Real Estate System are in the top five percent of all sales associates in the real estate industry today. This year RE/MAX of Michigan honored 518 associates for their outstanding achievements in real estate sales, as well as for their full-time commitment to service."

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from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

Social Security opens fraud hotline

Officials recently cut the ribbon opening the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General (OIG) fraud hotline. The hotline is available for live operator assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. Recorded message service is available and a person can leave a message 24 hours a day. The Office of Inspector General will be hiring approximately 100 new investigative agents to work in offices around the country handling the many fraud referrals it receives.

The hotline telephone number is 1-800-269-0271. In addition, an address is available for reporting suspected fraud for those choosing not to use the

telephone hotline. The address is: Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235.

Social Security's OIG already handles a large number of complaints. In the month of September the office received 269 allegations of fraud. Also, 26 convictions were obtained. The Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the United States Attorney's offices plan to continue cooperative investigations. The OIG also works with other federal and state law enforcement organizations.



DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED—Ronald Ulvila (left), safety belt coordinator for the Michigan Highway Safety Patrol, presents Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield with a patrol car radar. The sheriff's office was second out of 17 counties for running its 1996 Safe and Sober Program.

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Free tax information offered on March 22

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) offers a final opportunity this tax season to receive free answers to Michigan and federal tax questions on Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, the association is featuring a toll free number to make it more convenient for those who need guidance with their taxes. Call (800) 795-2CPA and volunteer CPAs will assist you, but limit your questions to two so that as many callers as possible can be helped. The information given to callers is not intended to be all-inclusive and has not been approved or disapproved by the MACPA. To date, the MACPA helped over 6,200 taxpayers with their tax questions.

Community groups receive Huron Pines awards

The Anglers' of the AuSable received the Huron Pines Award for their support of conservation projects in Northeastern Michigan. George Alexander was present at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, Inc. (RC&D), Feb. 1, to accept the award.

Other Grayling organizations

receiving awards were: The Road Commission for Crawford County; Camp Grayling Military Affairs; Environmental Team; and Shawono Center. All of the groups presented with awards participated in natural resource conservation projects which directly benefit the environment and community.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

D. J. Brown and Linda Stephens were in Virginia and New York for five days on a business and vacation trip. They went to Woodbridge, Virginia, with a load of David Brown's belongings that had been shipped here from Hawaii. David left the service last December, now lives in Virginia, and is employed in Washington, D.C. After unloading at David's home, they went on to New York City where they took in a play, "Sunset Boulevard" and visited many sites of interest: Chinatown, Little Italy, the Bowery, the World Trade Center and Times Square. They returned to Virginia where they spent a Saturday with David and had dinner with former school friends of Linda in Washington. They returned to Grayling by a scenic route through Maryland and West Virginia.

Last week was the final days of the Kiwanis and Rotary contest and we'll let you know who came out the winner, besides the Community Christian Help Center, who will receive all of the groceries collected.

We hope that many of you were able to enjoy the three-part special of the Fred Bear story on TV 9 and 10 that aired a week ago on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the six o'clock news. Some of our local residents were shown, those that had had a great deal of contact with Fred Bear and the Bear Archery Company. It was a very nice presentation narrated by Dave Barrons and according to the newscast, a tape will be available from the station if one writes a postcard asking for information.

Doug Wilson from the Youth Services Bureau and Anthony O'Dell were the guest speakers at the Kiwanis Club meeting on Monday, Feb. 24. Doug coordinates the program for the children during the summer and Anthony was one of those who enjoyed the summer activities including a camp-out to Mackinaw City. Anthony was a little shy about speaking to the group but stated that he did have a good time and told a little about the

camping facilities. This is one of the programs that the club has supported over the years.

Our featured employee at the Crawford County Avalanche this week is Linda Golnick, who has been at the paper longer than anyone else, other than Whitey Madsen. Linda was hired by Jon Thompson to help out with the accounts payable eight years ago; she had hoped just to fill in to help them get caught up, but somehow ended up with a full-time job. She is the General Manager and as such gets to do 'everything' from accounts to answering the phone, to helping in the back and everything else in 'general.' Linda says that she has always worked downtown since she came to Grayling and can't imagine working anywhere else. She views downtown stores and people as her neighbors and takes an active part in the activities that happen in that area. She is married to Chris Golnick and has three children: Dave, 14; Sarah, 11; and Bill, 9.



PROJECT MONEY — Ann Marie Kuszak (middle), president of the Eagles Women's Auxiliary #3465, presents a check for \$500 to Pat Papendick (left) and Dana Anderson, representing Project Graduation.

Double fines set for violations at emergencies

It was late December 1995 when a careless driver roared through an emergency scene on I-75 in Flint Township, injuring four emergency medical services (EMS) personnel who were caring for victims of an automobile crash. One EMT-specialist lost her leg.

At least 70 other EMS personnel have been injured during the past two years for drivers failing to yield to emergency vehicles or driving too fast or inattentively through emergency scenes.

Because of dangers facing EMTs on the job, State Rep. Clark Harder introduced an amendment to the speed limit bill which passed last summer. As a result, motorists are now subject to double fines for any moving violation at an emergency scene. A emergency scene is defined as a traffic crash, a serious incident caused by weather conditions, or another

occurrence along a highway or street for which a police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel are summoned to aid an injured victim.

Harder states, "My amendment is designed to make working conditions safer for emergency medical personnel. Perhaps the motorist who pays attention and slows down will even save his or her own life."

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, in conjunction with SWM Systems, the regional EMS coordination agency for the Lower Peninsula, is conducting a public education campaign to keep EMS personnel safer on the job, as they treat crash victims and transport patients to hospitals.

The campaign, "Don't make an emergency worse," stresses that motorists yield the right of way to emergency vehicles and to drive safely at emergency scenes.

To avoid injury to themselves and others, as well as to avoid a double fine for a moving violation, motorists should remember the following:

- Drive slowly through emergency scenes.
- Cooperate with personnel directing traffic.
- Don't be distracted by the crash — pay attention to driving.
- Yield the right of way to emergency vehicles — pull off the road to the right and stop when lights and sirens are approaching.

Signs will soon go up along state highways advising motorists of the double fines. Jari Foster Pulford, executive director of SWM Systems, states, "EMS personnel put themselves at risk every day caring for victims of traffic crashes. Hopefully this law and the education campaign will prevent additional injuries."

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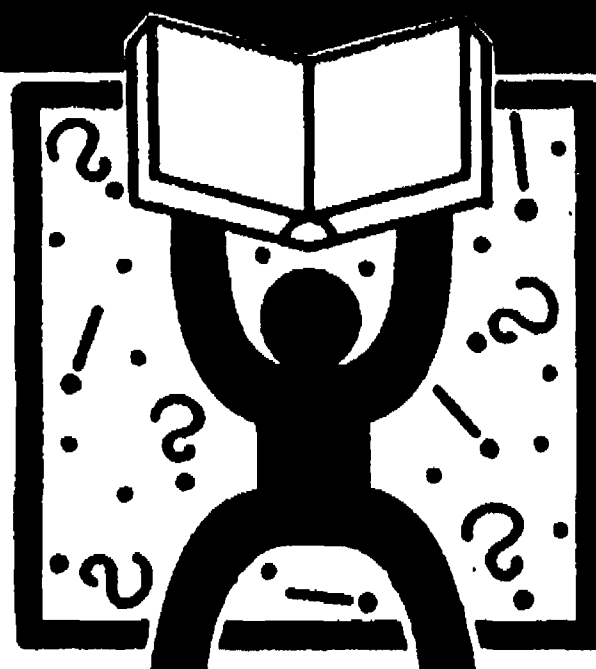


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Loggers in school: Working to improve Michigan's forest

During 1996, the Sustainable Forestry Education Program (SFE), an educational program aimed at the logging industry in Michigan, was begun. The purpose of this program is to help loggers learn more about sustainable forestry with emphasis on forest ecology, silviculture, best management practices and safety in the woods.

Tom Barnes, District Extension Agent with MSU Extension, who coordinates the program in the northern lower peninsula, said that roughly 195 logging contractors from this region participated in the inaugural year of Michigan's Sustainable Forestry Education Program.

"The SFE program is a continuation of the LEAP Program (Logger Education To Advance Professionalism) initiated in Michigan in 1994," said Barnes. "Since 1994, the total number of people who have attended either the SFE or LEAP program is nearly 450 participants. Participants have been primarily logging contractors but a number of foresters and landowners have attended some of these sessions as well."

According to Barnes, the SFE educational program is sponsored by Michigan State University through a grant from the Michigan Forest Resource Alliance. Michigan's wood industry is a strong supporter of the SFE program. MSU Extension developed educational materials and conducts the program throughout the state. Generally, SFE programs are offered on a bi-monthly basis across the northern lower peninsula. There is no charge for loggers to attend these sessions.

The long-term goals of the SFE

program are to provide continuing educational opportunities for loggers and to improve the level of communication between loggers, foresters, and landowners to enhance the sustainability of Michigan's forestland.

"The objective is not to make foresters out of the loggers," explained Barnes, "but to provide valuable information about the forest ecosystem in which loggers work everyday. Loggers are a key element in how forest management actually gets implemented on-the-ground."

The SFE program consists of four three-hour classroom sessions and a six-hour field session, totaling 18 hours. The classroom sessions cover forest ecology, silviculture, best management practices, and MIOSHA safety awareness. Upon completing all five sessions, the participants are awarded a certificate of completion.

Michigan's forest industry has responded by rewarding the SFE graduates with various incentives. Depending upon the company, logging contractors may receive bonuses on loads, preference to stumpage, longer contracts, or stipends for each employee who completes the program.

"It's up to individual companies to decide how they might reward loggers who complete the program," said Barnes. "But as word gets out among foresters and landowners as to who completed the SFE program, we anticipate this will provide some additional incentive to participate as well."

A complete list of logging contractors who have completed the SFE program is available at every county extension office and local soil conservation district offices in the northern lower peninsula.



ITEMS GIVEN — Donna Carmean (left) of the Wellington Farm Folk presents gifts of food, household products, toys and clothing to Gerri Schroeder of the Christian Help Center. Carmean served as president of the Wellington Farm Park volunteer organization during its first year of existence.

Farm Folk contribute to Help Center

For their December meeting, the Wellington Farm Folk opted to contribute to the local Christian Help Center rather than have a "more traditional" seasonal meeting. Each member of the volunteer organization brought a gift of food, toys or clothing to their regular meeting.

Over \$60 worth of food in addition to many toys and articles of children's clothing was presented to Gerri Schroeder, manager of the Crawford County Christian Help Center, at the close of the meeting.

During their regular business meeting, the Farm Folk elected Leon Johnston to the office of president for the coming year. Johnston will replace Donna Carmean who served as leader for the organization's very first year.

The Wellington Farm Folk are a group of volunteers who assist with the operations of Wellington Farm Park. The organization holds regular meetings the first Tuesday of each month. During nice weather, meetings are held at Wellington Farm Park on Military Road in Beaver Creek Township. During the winter months while the park is closed, the group holds its meetings at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling.

Wellington Farm Park is northern

Michigan's newest open air museum. The park, which is located near what was once the community of Wellington, is a re-creation of a working farmstead in the year 1932. In addition to the historical interpretations presented by the park and its staff, Wellington Farm Park also conducts a full-scale environmental education program. Through use of walking trails, natural settings, demonstrations and displays, the park stresses the importance of protecting lands, forests and waters.

Wellington Farm Park will open for its second season on May 24. At that time, the new park Visitor Center should be complete and will be presented to the public for the first time. The Visitor Center will contain restrooms, a gift shop, a farm market and a small display area. During the summer of 1997, a one-of-a-kind, very rare threshing machine will be on display at the Visitor Center.

The next meeting of the Wellington Farm Folk will be held on Tuesday evening, March 4. The meeting will be held at the Lone Pine Restaurant, beginning with dinner at 6:15 p.m. Those interested can call in reservations to 1-888-653-3276 by 5 p.m. Monday, March 3.



HELP FOR ANIMALS — Dixie Lobsinger, director of the Crawford County Animal Shelter, has received money from area businesses for the "Have a Heart for the Animals" program. Pictured, Lobsinger receives money from Jeanne Czapek at Glens. The money from the area residents who purchased a heart for \$1 will be used for the Concerned Citizens for Animals spay/neuter program.

Dinner show features Travelogue to Ireland

The Command Performance Dinner Series of the Crawford AuSable School District Community Education Cultural Events Program continues on Saturday, March 22, when BUDDY HATTON, premier travelogue artist presents "The Song of Ireland."

The fare for the evening will be an Irish Buffet. Following dinner, it will be off to the land known as the "Emerald Isle" where the audience will share in the fun and good times in a beautiful country with a variety of vistas, natural wonders, and historic and cultural sites.

Hatton has been in almost every phase of the entertainment business, including radio, television, talent managements, commercial voice

work, and syndicated television game show host. For two consecutive years, he was awarded the Canadian Emmy for best Male Television Performer of the Year (notwithstanding the fact that he is American).

It didn't take long for Travelogue audiences across the U.S. and Canada to discover what California television and radio fans have known for many years. To spend a few hours on the air and even more — in person — with Buddy Hatton is to escape to new adventures in entertainment.

Tickets for this performance which includes the complete buffet at \$16.50 per person may be purchased by calling the Community Education box office at 348-7641 ext. 123/120.

Stupak: Engler proposal shows lack of understanding, concern

Proposals from Michigan's governor to address snow-removal problems include no new ideas, no financial assistance, and could further damage the economies of northern Michigan communities, Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) said.

Stupak's comments were made in response to a news release in which Gov. John Engler proposed that communities tap their revolving loan funds for the cash needed to help clear record-breaking snowfall from city and county roads.

Engler also proposed that cities and counties send prison crews out to help with the work.

At a news conference in Marquette, Engler accepted questions on his news release, but claimed no knowledge of a bill introduced last year and again last week by Michigan State Rep. Mike Prusi (D-National Mine) which seeks legislative relief for the storm-struck region.

Stupak said he is aware that communities are already using prisoners

in outlying areas. He also was critical of the governor's idea of using economic development capital and revenue sharing funds for snow removal.

"If a community wisely uses its revolving loan funds to spur economic development and then gets these funds back with interest, then the community can reallocate the money for future economic development," Stupak said. "If the money is directly spent on snow removal, it's gone forever, and so is the chance for economic development."

"What the governor has advised northern Michigan communities is, in effect, the same as telling residents to liquidate their retirement plans to fix their homes and not to worry about tomorrow."

Stupak also noted that while the governor's release spoke of financial assistance to northern Michigan, he was referring to nothing more than Michigan Act 51 payments, which the state is mandated to make for clearing

state thoroughfares.

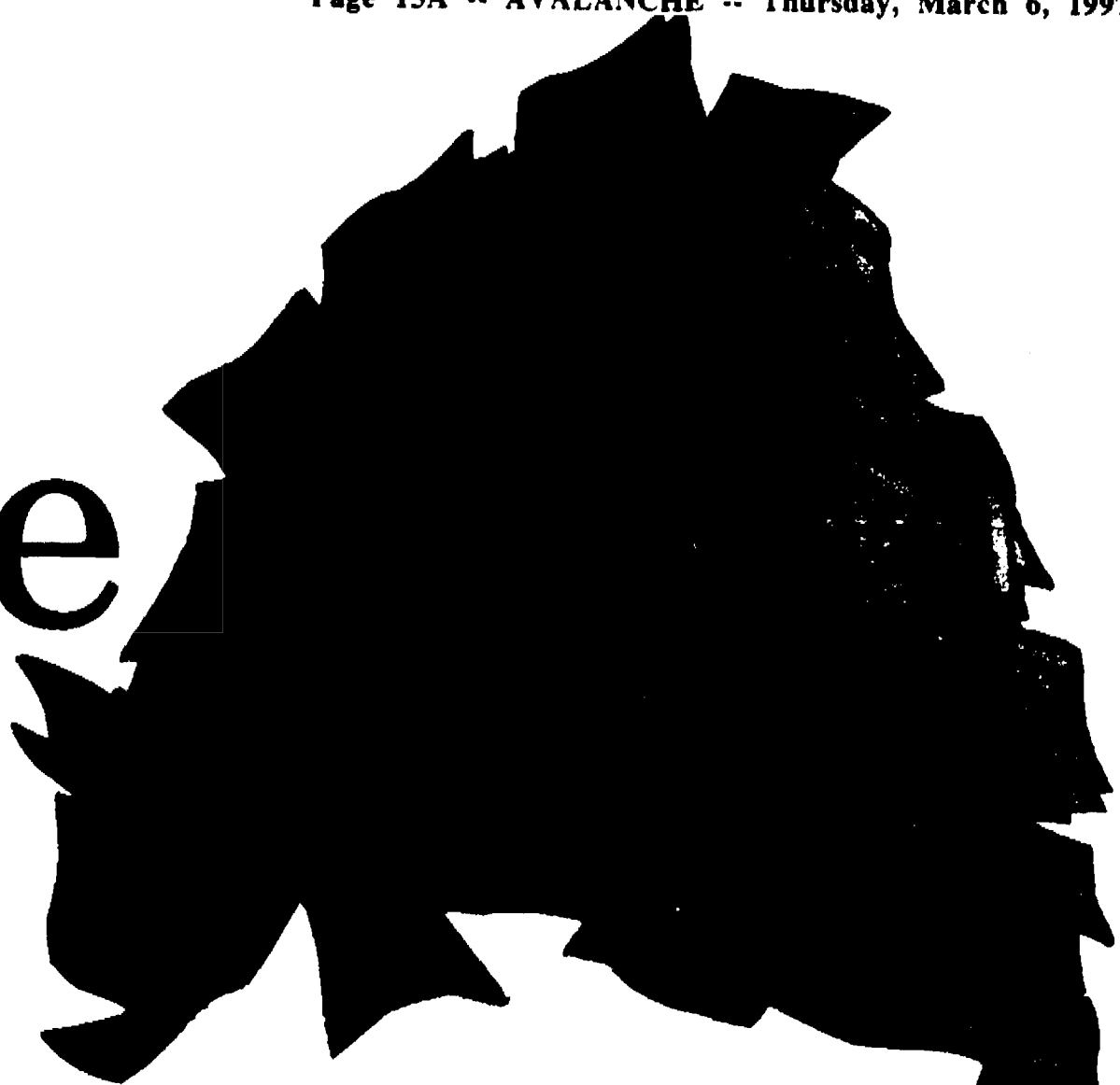
"For more than a year I have been calling on Governor Engler for assistance," Stupak said. "Now, a year later, he tells us to rely on our own resources."

The Michigan governor had come from downstate to take part in the opening ceremonies of the Winter Cities conference, held this year in Marquette.

"It's easy for the governor to fly into Marquette, tell us what we already know, and fly away from the problem. It's also apparently easy for the governor within the past 10 days to find \$43 million in additional new money for new projects downstate, although he can't find any new money for northern Michigan."

The governor's proposals for Michigan's true Winter Cities, "reflect a lack of understanding, leadership and concern for residents of northern Michigan on this important policy issue."

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OBITUARIES

Norma Jean Howe

Norma Jean Howe, 53, of Frederic, died at Grayling Mercy Hospital on Feb. 27, 1997.

She was born in Ann Arbor on Aug. 12, 1943 to Robert and Vivian Gee.

Mrs. Howe was married in Muskegon on June 24, 1994, to Robert Howe, and was a homemaker in the Crawford County area for several years.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Vivian Lownsbury of Frederic and Laurie Houghton of Clinton; a son, Jeff of Florida; father, Robert Gee of Milan; brother, Robert of Petersburg; and five grandchildren.

Private family interment rites will take place at Whitefield Cemetery in Milan. Arrangements were made by Seuerbol & McLaren Funeral Home of Roscommon.

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Within our store of memories he holds a place apart.

For he is among the rest of them most cherished in our hearts.

Sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

His wife and family

Clinton McNeven

Clinton Lee McNeven, 83, of Bay City, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, at his home. He was born on May 16, 1913, in Petoskey to Peter and Winifred (Baker) McNeven who were Grayling residents at the time. McNeven attended Grayling schools up to the age of 14 when the family moved to Bay City, and later he graduated from Bay City Central High School. He married the former Leonora E. Davidson on Sept. 28, 1946, in Essexville Baptist Community Church.

Mr. McNeven served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. He was employed by the Bay City Schools System where he worked as a custodian and a carpenter before retiring June 3, 1976. He was a member of Thoburn Methodist Church, where he was very active and served as past treasurer. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #485 and served as an assistant scoutmaster.

Surviving are his wife; two children, LeeAnn and husband Gary Crowl and David McNeven, all of Bay City; four grandchildren, Michelle and husband Ray Irmien, Michael Crowl, and Patti Crowl; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Glen McNeven of Luzerne; and two nephews, Mike and Dick Hurley.

Mr. McNeven was predeceased by his parents and one sister, Shirley Hurley.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Squires Funeral Home with Rev. Neil Sheridan officiating. Burial was in Floral Gardens Cemetery under the auspices of the Bay County Veterans Council.

Lilyan Rose

Lilyan G. Rose, 84, of Gaylord, died March 2, 1997, at Tendercare in Gaylord.

She was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on July 17, 1912, to John and Elizabeth (Hank) Rose. Both parents are deceased.

Mrs. Rose was married Sept. 26, 1935, in Detroit to Kenneth J. Rose, who died June 26, 1996. She was a homemaker and had worked in retail sales in Livonia. She started coming to Grayling in the 1930s for summers and vacations before moving to Grayling as full-time residents from 1975 to 1995. She had lived in Gaylord for two years.

Surviving are: one son, Kenneth John Rose and his wife Denise of Gaylord; and one niece, Betty Rathke and her husband Howard of Adrian.

No funeral services are planned. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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In loving memory of our Dad, Cecil Canfield, who passed away three years ago today, March 5, 1994.

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Bob and Judy

Card of thanks

The staff and students of Grayling High School would like to publicly thank Mr. Jimmy Luthmann and the Northland Federal Credit Union of Grayling. They have generously donated six magazine subscriptions for the next two years. The magazines are: The Atlantic Monthly, Golf, PC Computing, Prevention, Snow Country, and Video. These magazines are available in the Media Center for all interested readers.

Susan Straw, Director
Grayling High School
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Congratulations, Mercy Hospital! It's always great to see things getting better.

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Bob Funch

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Raymond and Susie P. Randall of Mio, announce the arrival of Renee Ann Randall, born Feb. 16, 1997.

Frank and Dawn Krauska of Grayling, announce the arrival of Bryan David Krauska, born Feb. 13, 1997.

Ray Fuhr and Tonya B. Fuhr of Mio, announce the arrival of Christy Rae, born Feb. 18, 1997.

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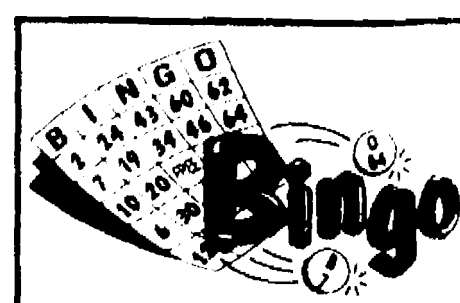
Range firing will be conducted at Grayling on Saturday, March 8, in the following areas:

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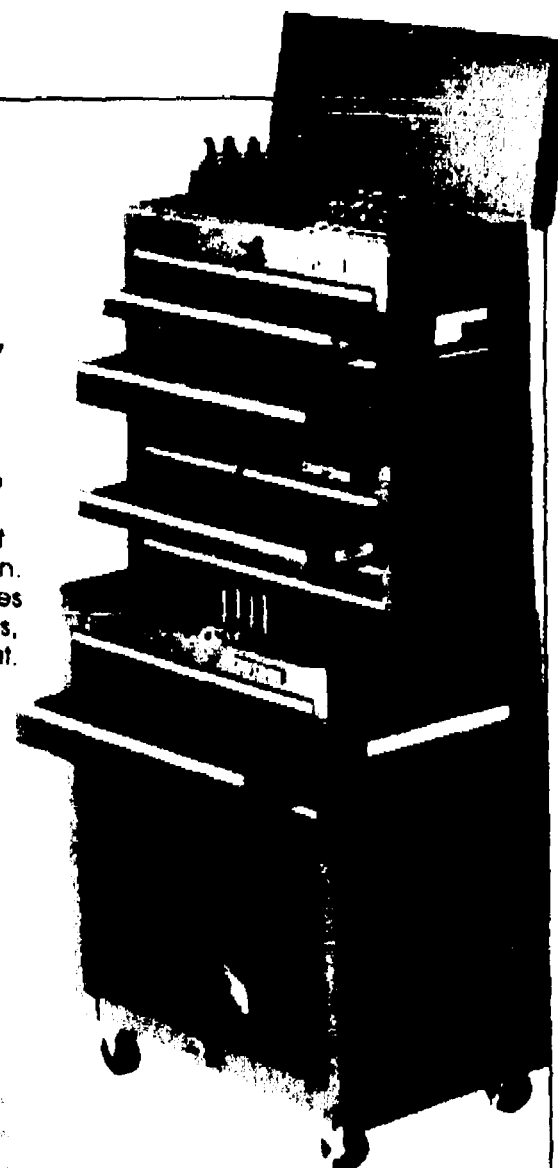
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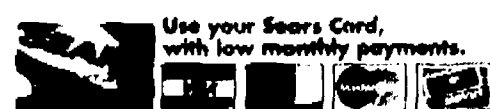
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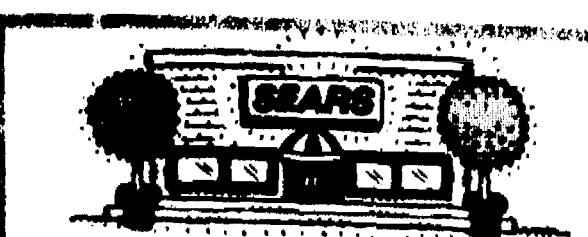


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Section B--Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 6, 1997

District loss ends good season for conference runner-up Grayling Vikings

Spikers reach team goal of finishing in top two spots

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The season has drawn to a close for the 1996-97 Grayling volleyball team, and with it ends the volleyball careers of three senior Vikings.

Jessica Waite, Jessica St. Germain and Rebecca Shahan played in their last volleyball matches at the conference meet on Wednesday, Feb. 26, and the district meet on Saturday, March 1. The three senior spikers will be greatly missed next season, but the Vikings will have a great core of players coming back.

According to coach Rebecca Brown, these three seniors were important contributors to the volleyball program. Waite was the team's defensive leader, St. Germain was one of the offensive leaders, and Shahan was a consistent seventh player for the Vikings.

This year's team had some highs and lows, and that fact held true for the end of the year look at the season.

"I think we were a 60 win team," Brown said of her squad which ended the season with a 48-37 record. "We finished third in the conference last year so one of our team goals was to move up to first or second. We accomplished that goal."

The Vikings did accomplish that goal, finishing second in the last year of play for the Great Northern Conference. Grayling was runner-up to a traditional powerhouse, Rogers City, although the Vikings did have some success in the head-to-head matches

"The highlight for us during the season was the two games we defeated Rogers City," Brown said. "These were Rogers City's only conference losses of the season."

Grayling won one of these games against Rogers City earlier in the season and got the second one at the league meet in Rogers City Saturday. The league meet consists of two games against all of the conference teams.

The games against the Hurons were the most exciting games of the day, Brown said of the conference meet.

Grayling won the first game against Rogers City, 15-12, but lost the second game to the Hurons, 0-15.

The Vikings needed four wins at the conference meet out of eight games to finish in second place. Grayling did

just that, beating Onaway twice, Rogers City once and Alcona once.

It was a big thing for Grayling to finish second. The first and second place teams in the conference get three players on the all-conference and honorable mention teams.

The all-conference members from Grayling were Nicole Craigie, Amy Godlewski and Jessica St. Germain. The honorable mention Viking selections were Kristie Cadeau, Erin Smith and Jessica Waite.

The three all-conference selections had good stat lines at the conference meet to show why they were named to the all-league team. Craigie finished with 27 spikes, 10 tips, 15 serves, 58 passes, 2 saves, 12 blocks and 3 sets. Godlewski had 23 spikes, 18 tips, 22 serves, 25 passes, 3 saves and 46 sets. St. Germain compiled on the day 32 spikes, 15 tips, 25 serves, 43 passes, 7 saves, 7 blocks and 38 sets.

The state tournament run for the

Vikings was short lived as Grayling fell to Kalkaska in district action on Saturday. The final scores were 15-5, 8-15 and 11-15.

"We won the first game versus Kalkaska rather easily," Brown said. "We had all of the momentum."

"The second game we were still

"We had to overcome illness and injuries. Yet we always came back."

— Rebecca Brown,
Grayling Volleyball Coach

swinging, but we hit a lot of balls out," Brown said. "We also had some missed opportunities on the defensive end."

Brown still was proud of her team's season, pointing out it is always good to have more wins than losses. She mentioned the team's competitiveness which always came out in the matches. "We had to overcome illness and injuries," Brown said of this season. "Yet we always came back."

Craigie finished with a team high 15 spikes, and Smith and St. Germain added 14 spikes apiece. Craigie also had 10 tips and 17 blocks. Germain



READY TO PASS — Jessica St. Germain prepares to pass the ball to a teammate by bumping the ball. Jessica Waite (11) looks on to get involved in the play. The two Jessicas were among the leaders on offense and defense.

added 25 passes.

Waite had a good district meet, leading the team with 19 serves and 28

passes. Godlewski led the team with 48 sets and Cadeau added 38 sets.

Great Northern Conference Meet at Rogers City Saturday

Results of Grayling matches against league opponents:

Opponent:	Game:	Game:
Whittemore-Prescott	9-15	4-15
Rogers City	15-12	0-15
Alcona	15-5	11-15
Onaway	15-12	15-4

Grayling victories are in bold. The Vikings needed these four victories to secure second place in the conference behind Rogers City.



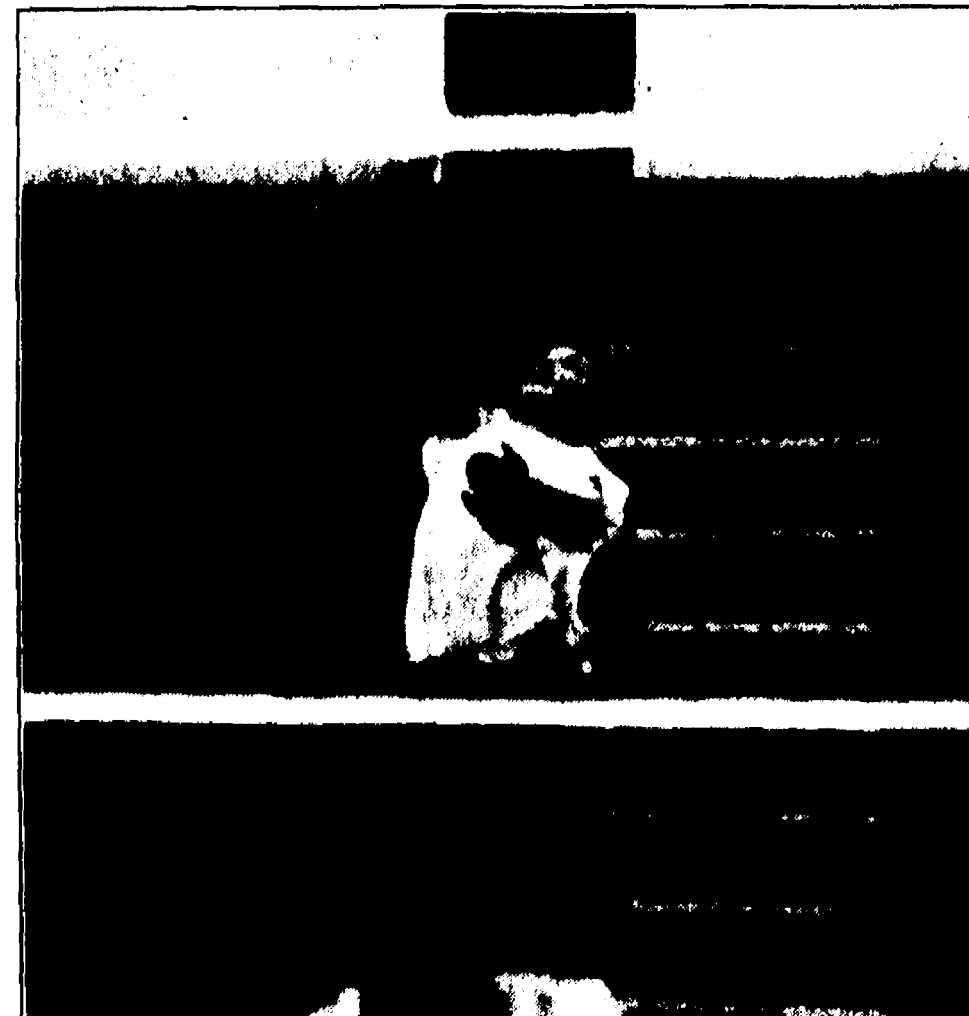
TEAM DEFENSE — The Vikings show good team defense in a recent home game. All of the players were in position to make a play. Jessica Waite, Nicole Craigie and Erin Smith watch as Amy Godlewski sends the ball back over the net.

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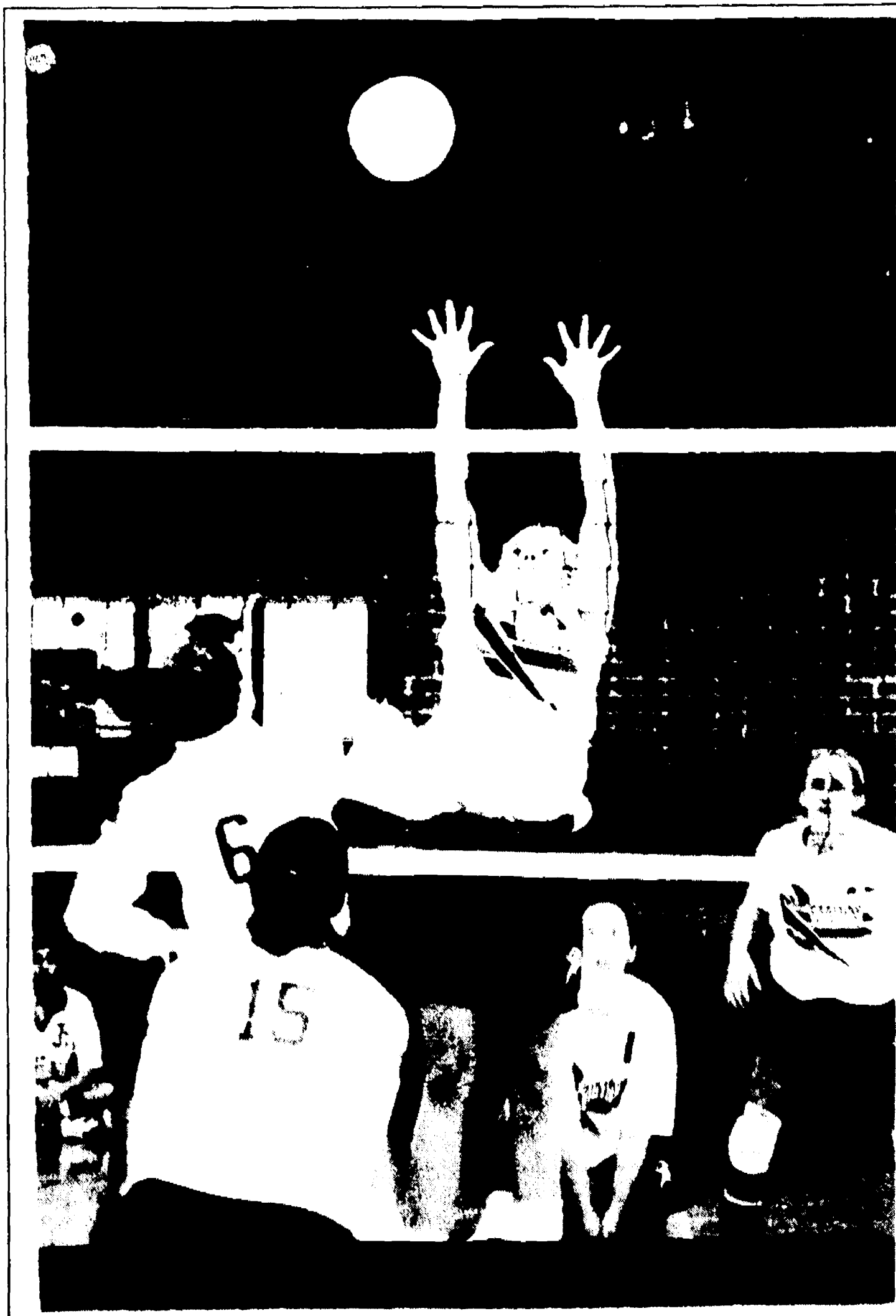


Volleyball
Jessica St. Germain

Viking senior Jessica St. Germain was chosen Viking of the Week for providing solid leadership over the year. In league matches, she played every position on the team.



ALL-AROUND PLAYER — Amy Godlewski shows her all-around skills by hitting the ball from the back row. Godlewski was one of the team leaders in sets, but she also played other positions where she had to spike the ball.



UP FOR THE BLOCK — Nicole Craigie jumps high off of the ground at the conference meet to try to block a shot from the opposition. Jessica St. Germain and Kristie Cadeau (1) are ready to return the ball.

SPORTS



BREAK HIM DOWN — Matt Evon, the Grayling 103-pound wrestler, breaks his Rogers City opponent down at the conference meet which was held in Grayling. Evon, a young wrestler, came on strong for the Vikings, helping the squad become district champions.



PINNING COMBINATION — Eddie Davis squeezes his opponent in a recent home match. Davis used pinning maneuvers, such as this one, to qualify for the state finals.

Grapplers head to Division III State Finals

The wrestling bus will be heading to Kalamazoo for the Individual Division III State Finals on Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8.

The bus will contain five members of the Grayling wrestling squad. These five grapplers were among the leaders of the district championship team the Vikings had.

The "Fab Five" will be attempting to place in the five in a row middle weight classes, 125-pounds to 145-pounds. Eddie Davis (125), Dave Shepherd (130), Ben Malonen (135), Jason Hall (140) and Josh Taylor (145) will be representing the Vikings at Western Michigan University.

The five Grayling wrestlers all are

happy to be going to the big meet. Hall, a senior, has some interesting outlook on the state meet since he was there last year too.

Hall said he feels good about making the state meet and feels he knows what to expect this time around.

"Last year my goal was to make it," Hall said of the state finals. "This year my goal is to place."

The team success this season also makes it more enjoyable for the individuals who are still wrestling. Hall called this year's team results the best Grayling has had in a long time, making it to the team regionals.

The other four state qualifiers could not be reached for comment.

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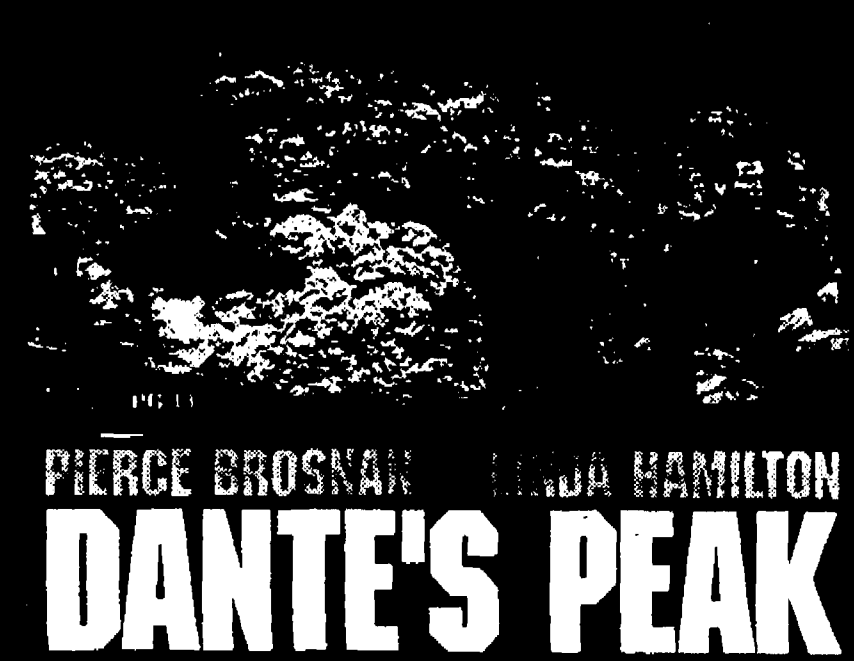
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Crawford, Roscommon counties combine to form Whitetails Unlimited chapter

A local chapter of Whitetails Unlimited is starting up in the Crawford County/Roscommon County area. A meeting has been scheduled to organize the area chapter of the national organization.

Dan Hagle, a Roscommon County businessman, has gathered information

to start a local, two-county chapter in this area. Hagle has set a Wednesday, March 19 meeting at Fred's Tavern in Roscommon to organize the group. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Prospective members and residents with questions are invited to attend. The meeting and other future

Whitetails Unlimited events will also focus on determining goals for the

which is a non-profit group based in Wisconsin, is to raise funds for three major goals.



The first goal is to have a national educational campaign designed and promoted to address in the general public a basic understanding of practical conservation measures. The second goal is to promote the acquisition and wise management of wildlife habitat.

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Vikings show off their muscles

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School powerlifting club took to some action on Sat., March 1 at the Northern Michigan Powerlifting Competition hosted by Houghton Lake.

The Vikings were competing in their second competition of the season and showed a huge improvement.

The Vikings first meet was at Lowell on Feb. 1 and as a team the Vikings came in eighth out of 22 teams.

Jesse Hannum came in first in the varsity 132 pound flight.

Within a month the Vikings showed huge improvement.

In the powerlifting meet there are three events - the squat, bench press and deadlift.

The lifters are put into a weight class based on their body weight.

Individuals compete in their weight division and also try to gain team points.

At Houghton Lake, the Vikings were competing against 21 other teams throughout the state.

The Vikings came in third place which is a great accomplishment when the winner of the meet was Burton-Bendle the two-time state champion and two-time defending national champions. Grant came in second and are a Class A school.

According to Head Coach Rodney Patterson, every lifter improved on their personal best 50 to 60 pounds which is not all strength, but practice, confidence and technique.

"The kids deserve all of the credit. This is not a school sponsored sport and I offer it to the kids and they have responded by giving a great effort," Patterson continued.

"I was also happy to see all of the fans, parents and cheerleaders at the meet. The sport is spreading and with the end of basketball and wrestling in the near future, we hope to gain some kids," Patterson said.

Every Viking powerlifter finished in the top ten in their weight class.

"Our club is open to boys, girls, athletes and all other students; everyone is welcome," Patterson said.

Jimmy Hannum came in second place at the junior varsity 114 weight class level.

Tony Reimer tied for first place at the junior varsity 132 weight class, but received second because the other lifter weighed two pounds less.

Travis Beckett came in third place at the 198 pound class.

At the varsity level Jesse Hannum and Kevin Anis tied for third at the 132 weight class level.

Joe Woidan came in third at the 165 pound class and lifted over 1,000 pounds combined for all three events.

Jeremy Colby came in third in the 220 pound weight class and lifted a combined 990 pounds.

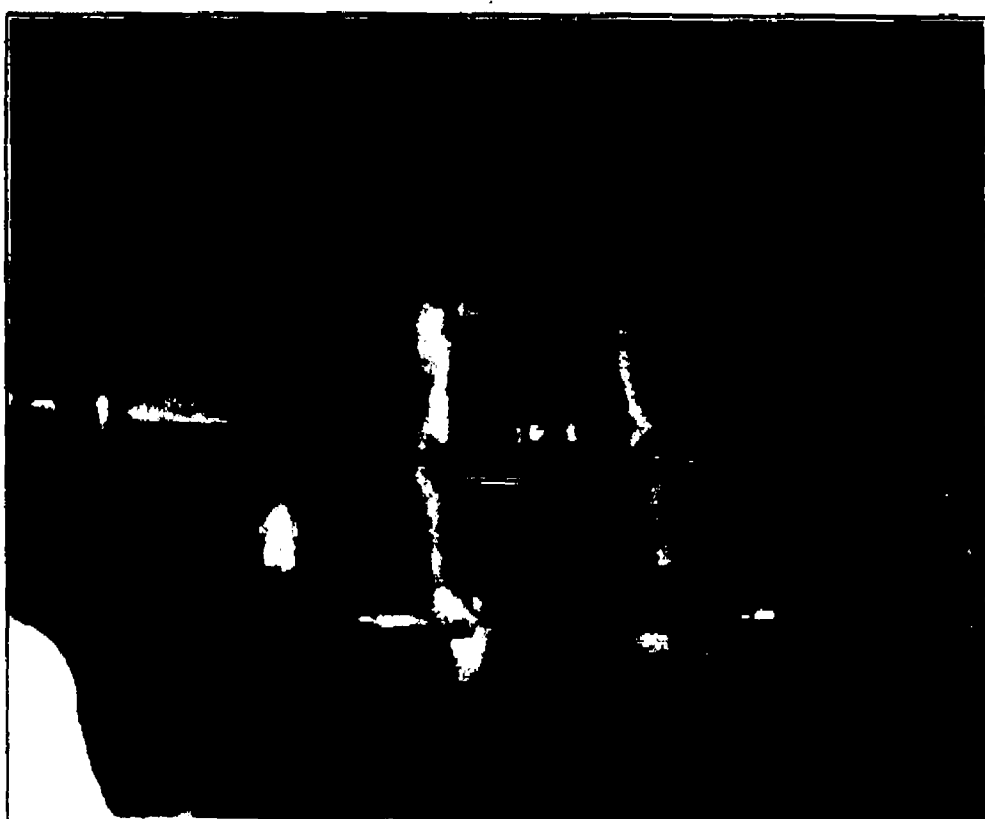
Others who provided points for the team were Shane Colby, Kris Holburn, Joe Colin, Casey Helsel, Neal Jozsa, Nate Niederer, Tim Wildfong and Travis Pearl.

The Vikings next meet is the state championship on Sat., March 15 at Burton-Bendle.



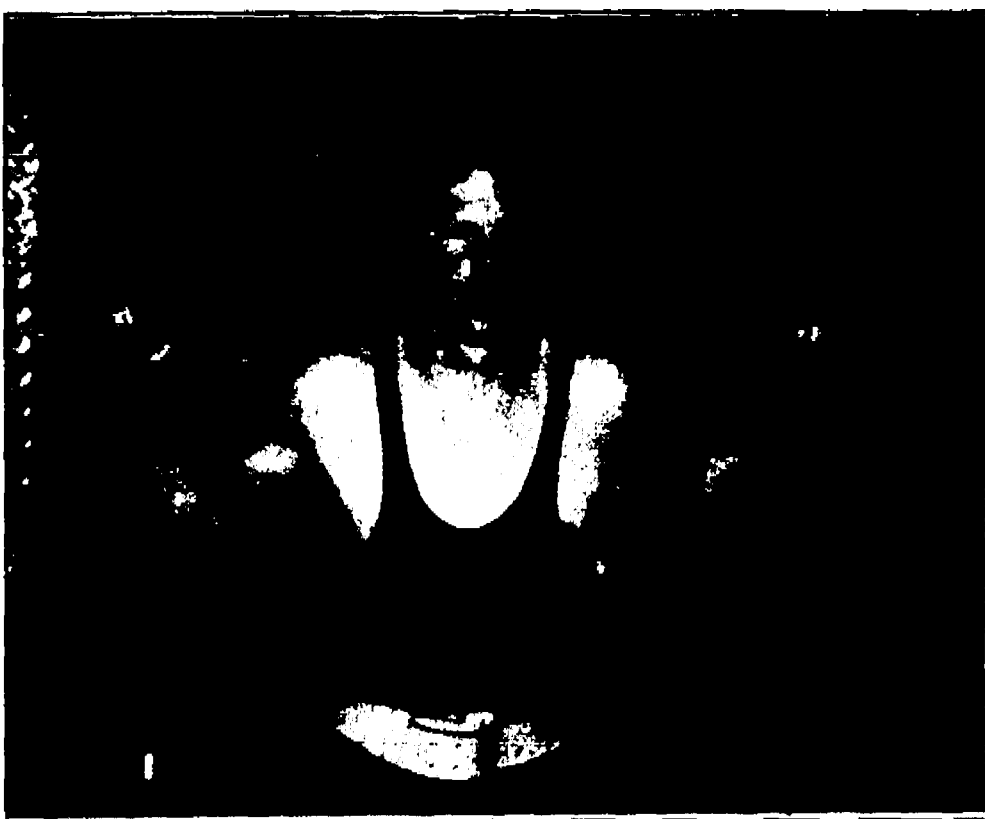
TOUGH LIFT -- Kris Holburn shows some emotion as he competes in the squat portion of the powerlifting competition. Lifters had to compete in the squat, deadlift and bench press.

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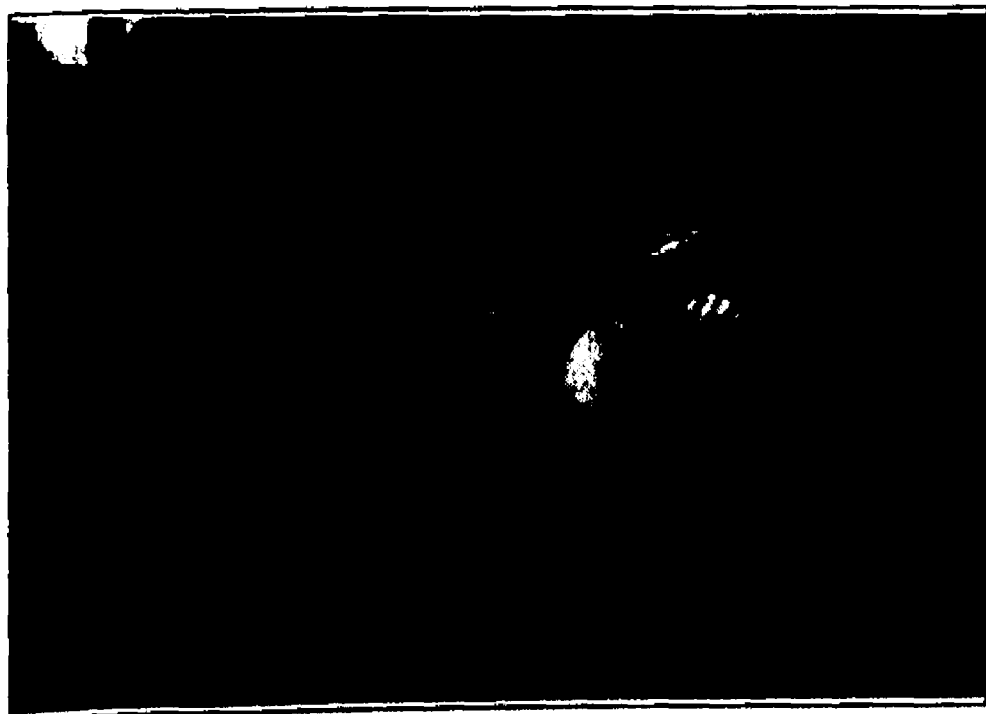


DEADLIFTING -- Jeremy Colby, a member of the Grayling High School powerlifting team, placed third in the 220 pound division at the Northern Michigan Powerlifting Competition.

photo by Craig Hofman



SUCCESSFUL SQUAT -- Joe Colin squatted 235 pounds at the Northern Michigan Powerlifting Competition. photo by Craig Hofman



LIFTING FOR THE VIKINGS -- Kris Holburn competes in the bench press at the Northern Michigan Powerlifting Competition.

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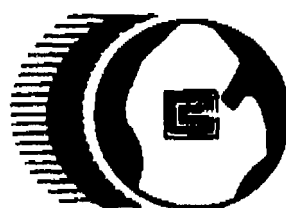
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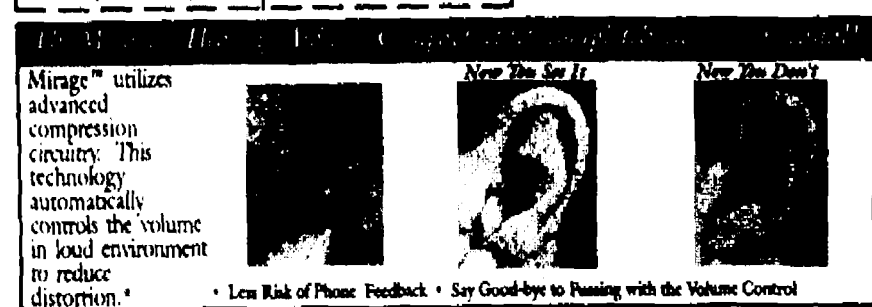
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Varsity basketball finishes regular season

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity basketball team traveled to Gaylord on Tuesday, Feb. 25 to play a make up game against a tough Blue Devil team.

Gaylord came out strong and dominated the game from beginning to end. The big hurt for the Vikings was a second quarter which saw the Viking offense score only two points and at halftime trailed 45-11.

The Viking offense improved in the second half, but the Blue Devils continued to score and defeated the Vikings 84-39.

The Vikings only shot 19 percent from the field.

The Vikings traveled to Elk Rapids for their final regular season game on

Friday, Feb. 28.

The Vikings played Elk Rapids tough, but came out slow in the first quarter which was the game decider. The Vikings only scored four points in the first quarter.

"Our kids played with a lot of intensity and hustle. However, our slow first quarter start put us in a big hole that we never could dig out of," said Head Coach Rich Moffitt.

After the first quarter the Vikings were only outscored by six points for the rest of the game.

The Vikings were led in scoring by Nate Hinkle with 17 points.

On Wednesday, March 5 the Vikings were to travel to Gaylord to play a district game against Gaylord. The Blue Devils defeated Cheboygan on Monday.

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Two county residents drew up rules, regulations for skiing

Putting their years of officiating experience to use, Kent Reynolds and John Huss developed the Michigan High School Athletic Association Ski Manual, which was adopted by the association to govern high school ski events.

Reynolds and Huss, two Crawford County residents, decided to hammer out a rule book for high school skiing after being forced to handle a number of disputes over their 17 years of ski officiating.

The MHSAA issued a rule bulletin each year, Reynolds said, but there wasn't a ski competition rule book with all of the rules and regulations in one place.

There were many times over the years in which rule disputes came about with coaches and officials because there was not an established rule book with all of the regulations.

"There was no rule book, so we sat down and drew one up," Huss said.

The two locals combined some of the rules from the high school ski bulletins and the United State Ski Association Ski Regulations to form the high school ski manual. They did

recommend some changes from both rule programs to bring the two rule organizations closer together.

Reynolds and Huss have been involved with skiing for a number of years. The two have been active in the Michigan High School and United States Ski Association Alpine Program for more than 17 years. They co-chaired the 1983-84 CUSSA Region III program. They have officiated numerous USSA ski meets and MHSAA Regional and State Final meets, including the State Meet this year last week.

Their children also were heavily involved in skiing. Julie Huss was First Team All-State for finishing fifth in the giant slalom. Karyn Reynolds won the 1983 giant slalom and 1984 slalom state high school championship.

Kent Reynolds and John Huss received recognition from MHSAA for the work on the ski manual. Their names appear at the end of the ski manual for their efforts.

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Glen's	14
R&M Masonry	10
High Game: S. Romain, 220; T. Papendick, 185; B. Wakeley, 180.	
High Series: S. Romain, 560; L. Dannenberg, 523; T. Papendick, 493.	

Pioneer League	
Deb & Dale's	23-9
Custom Interior	21-11
Millikins	21-11
Lady Slippers	16-16
Chemical Bank	15-17
Aunt Betty's	12-20
Avalanche	11-21
Mercy Hospital	9-23
High Game: K. Moshier, 202; I. Hatfield, 200; J. Goudie, 191.	
High Series: I. Hatfield, 520; K. Lozon, 514; J. Hinds, 511.	

Recreation League	
Fun-N-Sun	23-5-8-5
Scheer Motors	23-9
North Country R.V.	22-10
Mickey Perez CPA	16-16
Mark 8	15-17
Peterson Saw Service	11-5-20-5
Glen's Market	9-23
Cornell's	8-24
High Game: D. Mead, 214; J. Hinds, 211; B. Wheeler, J. Hinds, 190.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 580; K. Schmidt, 516; D. Mead, 513.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League Final run	
Swamp II	132
Plaza	128
Legion	126
Red Barn	118
Spikes	108
Breakers	108
6 BALL RUN: Anette of Red Barn.	
5 BALL RUN: Barb of Plaza.	
Melony of Legion, Vicki of Red Barn, Michelle of Breakers.	
Men's Pool League	
Red Barn II	75-51
Weyerhaeuser	74-52
Frederic Inn I	80-64
Holiday Inn	67-59
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Breakers	46-80

GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Weyerhaeuser 76 — Trenary 18, Ruddy 13, Abney 13, Dandy 12, Hull 8, Grant 8, Hinds 4, Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX 59 — Longendyke 19, Donahoe 16, Fox 7, Mertes 6, Youngblood 5, Hinkle 4, Pummell 2.
Holiday Inn 62 — Simon 25, Hamlin 8, Swanson 7, Dean 6, Smith 6, Weaver 4, Weiler 4, Finch 2.
Grayling Generating Station 39 — Waite 10, Bickford 6, Geers 5, Hanman 5, Luck 4, Wolcott 3, M. Wakeley 3, Peters 3.
Spike's 72 — Patterson 16, Thompson 15, Church 14, Kucharek 10, T. Gardiner 7, J. Gardiner 6, Potter 4, Lange Vending 45 — D. Jung 11, Anderson 8, Cragg 7, Ramsey 7, S. Hartman 4, M. Jung 4, Burrell 2, M. Harland 2.
Tournament Schedule: Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Championship game. Weyerhaeuser-Holiday Inn winner versus Spike's-Sawmill/Geo Signs winner.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

New Hours — Hanson Hills will no longer be open Thursdays or Fridays. The hills will be open Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open Gym — Tuesday preschool through third grade, Wednesday fourth grade and up, 5 to 7 p.m. Rollerblade and rollerskate for \$2 per person.

March 9 — Ski the peak for \$1. Officials have invited many media celebrities to come and have fun on that day.

Rent the Gym — Only \$15 per hour. A great place to have parties or just come and have fun.

Planning Ahead — Hanson Hills will be offering a Summer Playground Program again this year. Lots of fun for children four years and older. This program will run from the day school gets out until it starts again.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny — Hanson Hills will be hosting its annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" on Saturday, March 29. They are seeking donations of candy, toys, and money. They are also looking for volunteers. Please call 348-9266, if interested.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Island Hoppers	
Beach Bums	20-8
Treasure Hunters	20-8
Wave Runners	18.5-9.5
Star Gaizers	15-13
Pearl Divers	13-15
Radioactive Coconuts	9.5-18.5
Pirates	9-19
Rain Makers	7-21
Boy's High Game: Doug Wilhelm, 189.	
Boy's High Series: Doug Wilhelm, 501.	
Girl's High Game: Nikki S., Debbi H., 146.	
Girl's High Series: Nikki Strohpaal, 389.	
Beach	
Sand Pipers	18-3
Wild Orchids	12-9
Sea Shells	12-9
Star Fishes	11.5-9.5
Coconuts	11.5-9.5
Flamingo's	9-12
Sand Castles	7-14
Jelly Fish	3-18
Boy's High Game: Jesse Gildner, 142.	
Boy's High Series: Jesse Gildner, 246.	
Girl's High Game: Amber Sturdivant, 121.	
Girl's High Series: Amber Sturdivant, 224.	
Ocean	
Sea Horses	15-6
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Hurricanes	11-10
Sea Gulls	11-10
Sting Rays	6.5-14.5
Sharks	4-17
Boy's High Game: Nate Miller, 127.	
Boy's High Series: Kalub Fedak, 237.	
Girl's High Game: Alyson Helsel, 117.	
Girl's High Series: Alyson Helsel, 225.	



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Caution on information highway needed by parents, children

Parents do you know where your children have been on the net today? Do they use the "chat line" and if they do, who they talked to? These are questions every parent that has a computer on-line needs to ask themselves.

Most people who use on-line services have mainly positive experiences. But, like any endeavor there are some risks. The on-line world, like the rest of society, is made up of a wide array of people. Most are decent and respectful, but some may be rude, obnoxious, insulting, or even mean and exploitative.

Children and teenagers get a lot of benefit from being on-line, but they can also be targets of crime and exploitation in this, as in any other environment. Trusting, curious and anxious to explore this new world and the relationships it brings, children and teenagers need parental supervision and common sense advice on how to be sure that their experiences in "cyberspace" are happy, healthy, and productive.

The Crawford County MSU Extension Service explains that there are a number of problem on-line areas.

There are a few risks for children who use on-line services. Teenagers are particularly at risk, because they often use the computer unsupervised and because they are more likely than younger children to participate in on-line discussions regarding companionship, relationships, or sexual activity. Some risks are:

- Exposure to Inappropriate Material

A child may be exposed to

inappropriate material of a sexual or violent nature.

- Physical Molestation

Another risk is that, while on-line, a child might provide information or arrange an encounter that could risk his or her safety or the safety of other family members.

- Harassment

A third risk is that a child might encounter E-mail or bulletin board messages that are harassing, demeaning, or belligerent.

The best way to assure that your children are having positive on-line experiences is to stay in touch with what they are doing. One way to do this is to spend time with your children while they're on-line. Have them show you what they do and ask them to teach you how to access the services.

While children and teenagers need a certain amount of privacy, they also need parental involvement and supervision in their daily lives. The same general parenting skills that apply to the "real world" also apply while on-line.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers some guidelines for parents, including:

- Never give out identifying information — home address, school name, or telephone number — in a public message such as chat or bulletin boards.
- Get to know the services your child uses.

- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission. If a meeting is arranged, make the first one in a public spot, and

be sure to accompany your child.

- Never respond to messages or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make you feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to tell you if they encounter such messages.

- Remember that people on-line may not be who they seem. Because you can't see or even hear the person it would be easy for someone to misrepresent him or herself. Thus, someone indicating that "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could in reality be a 40-year-old man.

- Remember that everything you read on-line may not be true. Any offer that's "too good to be true" probably is.

- Set reasonable guidelines for computer use by your children. A child or teenager's excessive use of on-line services or bulletin boards, especially late at night, may be a clue that there is a potential problem. Remember that personal computers and on-line services should not be used as electronic babysitters.

Be sure to make this a family activity. Consider keeping the computer in a family room rather than the child's bedroom. Get to know their "on-line friends" just as you get to know all of their other friends.

Should you become aware of the transmission, use or viewing of child pornography while on-line, immediately report this to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by calling 1-800-843-5678, <http://www.missingkids.org>. You should also notify your on-line service.

Tax deductions you can't afford to lose

Tax planning should be a year-round activity. But, if you didn't get around to doing all you had hoped, it's not too late to improve your tax life.

The key is to do a thorough job of identifying deductions so you don't miss opportunities to save tax dollars. To help you get started, the Michigan Association of CPAs offers the following list of dos and don'ts for making the most of deductions available to you.

DO deduct interest you pay on home equity lines of credit. Although personal interest is no longer deductible, you may deduct interest on up to \$100,000 of debt secured by your house, regardless of how you use the money.

DO deduct all state and local taxes you paid in 1996. Also, if you bought or sold a house, be sure to deduct the portion of the year's real estate taxes you were charged on your closing statement. It's easy to forget this deduction because you don't write a separate check — the taxes are deducted from the sales proceeds or included in the amount you pay at settlement.

DO deduct investment interest. If you borrowed money to buy investments, the interest is deductible as investment interest — limited to the year's net investment income.

DO claim a deduction for transportation costs and out-of-pocket expenses you incur in connection with charity volunteer work. The cost of mileage, telephone calls and supplies, such as

stationery and stamps, are all deductible. If you failed to keep track last year, be sure to start a tax-deduction diary this year.

DO deduct your health insurance premiums if you are self-employed. For 1996, you may deduct 30 percent of the premiums you paid. This amount will increase to 80 percent over a 10-year period. The deduction is treated as an adjustment to income, so you get the tax benefit whether or not you itemize. Keep in mind that the deduction is limited to the earned income from your business.

DO deduct half the self-employment tax you pay if you are self-employed. This amount is also deductible as an adjustment to gross income on your Form 1040. According to the IRS, this is one of the most frequently overlooked tax deductions.

DO deduct early withdrawal penalties when you cash in a Certificate of Deposit or other time deposits before maturity. You can deduct the penalty even if you do not itemize your deductions.

DO claim a child care credit if you paid someone to take care of your dependent child so you could work. Depending on your income, a credit percentage of 20 percent to 30 percent applies to your expenses of up to \$2,400 for one dependent child and \$4,800 for two or more dependents. The credit is phased out for higher-income earners.

DON'T deduct reimbursed

expenses. Medical, casualty loss and business expense deductions are not allowed when the costs are reimbursed to you by your insurance company or employer.

DON'T overpay the tax due on your mutual fund profits. If you participated in a dividend reinvestment plan, be sure to increase your cost basis by the amount of dividends that were reinvested. Increasing your basis reduces your taxable gain.

DON'T forget to take a deduction for used clothing and other property you donate to charity. The fair market value of old clothes, furniture, household items and books that you give to charity is deductible. Just be sure to have a receipt from the charity to substantiate your donation.

DON'T assume that your miscellaneous expenses are not deductible. Although tax law allows you to deduct only those miscellaneous expenses that exceed two percent of your Adjusted Gross Income if you itemize your deductions, it is often easier to reach this threshold than you may originally think. Take the time to total unreimbursed employee business expenses like dues to unions and professional associations, tax preparation advice, and investment-related costs, such as investment advice, IRA or Keogh custodial fees, and safe deposit rentals for boxes used to store investment-related documents. You may surprise yourself with a deduction.

Vietnam memorial measure passes state house

The Michigan House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the third of the House Democrats' "90-day" agenda items, a Single Business Tax credit which will allow businesses across the state to contribute to build a memorial to Vietnam War veterans.

"This legislation, coupled with a voluntary income tax checkoff, will allow Michigan's citizens to give what they can to honor those who fought and died in Vietnam," said Speaker of the House Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit). "Many of us had a family member, friend or neighbor fight in Vietnam. It's time our state came together to give something back."

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Kirk Profit (D-Ypsilanti), allows businesses a credit of up to \$5,000 on their Single Business Tax to contribute to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Fund. The credit would be equal to 50 percent of any business's contribution to the Fund. The Fund

was created in 1988 by the Legislature to construct a monument honoring the 2,649 Michigan soldiers, sailors and airmen who were killed or missing in Vietnam. Profit's bill passed the House with 98 votes in support, and three opposed.

House Democrats made the Vietnam Veterans Memorial part of an 11-proposal agenda they have committed to pass during the first 90 days of the legislative session. A companion bill, also sponsored by Profit, would allow the individual taxpayers to make donations to the fund through a voluntary income tax checkoff. That legislation has been introduced and is awaiting action by the House Tax Policy Committee.

"Each day, House Democrats continue to make progress on our middle-of-the-road plan to help Michigan's families build a secure future," Hertel said. "Rep. Profit's legislation honors those who have secured our past with their sacrifice."

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Special Meeting Held on the 17th day of February 1997 Grayling, Michigan

STUDY OF WATER/SEWER INCREASES AND RATES

This Special Meeting was called to order by the Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the water and sewer proposed rates.

Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Ruddy, Akers, Mosher.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Norm Bancroft.

The City Manager went over the Memo that Council had received at a previous meeting. Sewer rate was proposed to go up .03 cents to \$3.00 per thousand gallons.

Mr. Stevens ask questions regarding Michigan Rural Water Study recommending charging \$1.16 per thousand gallons. City Manager recommended \$1.00 per thousand gallons as a first step and re-visiting our needs after 1 year.

Mr. Stevens noted the change in bulk rates to be all the same. Mr. Morford noted this is modern practice. The purpose is it encourages conservation of water and spreads cost fairly among all users.

Council discussed metering of city buildings, cemetery and other public uses. Council discussed hydrants. If they can be metered or have any idea how much water is being used. Mr. Morford noted there is no effective way to meter hydrant water use.

City Manager went over water and sewer tap fees recommendation and recommended a fee schedule designed to recover costs of an average tap.

Mr. Stevens spoke to Council about spreading increase over a 3 year period and every year reviewing situation.

Mr. Mosher questioned on how much water is pumped and how much billed, loss of 48%. Mr. Morford noted that the leak detection program, new meters and tests of the wells are all designed to get a better picture of where non-billed water is going and to cut the losses where possible. This will be a long term and on-going process.

Council reached a consensus on a proposed rate structure to be considered for adoption at the February 24, 1997 City Council Meeting.

Adjournment.

97-19

Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 97-5668-IE

Estate of STANLEY E. SARNA

384-20-3938

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 3539 Sidellway, Grayling, MI 49738 died 11-30-96. An instrument dated 7-2-84 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Monica Vansickle, 3429 M-72 East, Grayling, MI 49738, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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NOTICE

The North Central Community Mental Health Services Board has changed the location of its monthly meeting scheduled for March 20, 1997, at 7 pm, to 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan.

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NOTICE

As of Friday, March 7, 1997, at 6 am, The Road Commission For Crawford County has put on weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads.

At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which is load reductions of 35%.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact the Road Commission (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

James Briney
Managing Director

-6-13

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of the Mortgage made by STEPHEN DAMER and LEANNE L. DAMER, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, to CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (formerly known as the Crawford County Housing Commission), as Mortgagee, as follows:

Mortgage dated March 1, 1991 and recorded July 19, 1991 at Liber 327, Pages 535-537 of the Crawford County Records with a current balance as of January 24, 1996 in the amount of \$9591.56; further that insurance on the premises and/or taxes have been paid by the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation & Community Development Commission totalling \$916.55; a balance of \$10,508.11 currently owing as of February 15, 1997; no legal or equitable proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage contained having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on WEDNESDAY,

MARCH 19, 1997 AT 10:00 A.M. at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the Mortgages, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney's fee as provided by law and in the Mortgage, the land and premises mentioned and described in the Mortgage as follows:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Dilly's South Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the recorded plat thereof. All located in the Village of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan.

The length of the redemption period will be one six (6) months from the date of this sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the Foreclosure Sale, plus interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of the sale.

Date: 02/13/97

David R. Sabin, Attorney for Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation & Community Development Commission, Mortgagee
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(517) 348-5588

-20-27-6-13

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 17, 1997, at 7 pm in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

CASE #97-2: Scott McClain, petitioner
T26N, R3W, Sec. 7
Lots 16 & 17, Riverside Sub.
Evergreen Drive
NRD Zone.

A request to construct a 1,500 sq. ft. residence and attached garage 90' from the mainstream, a variance of 110'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

NOTICE REQUIRED REGISTER OF DEEDS CHANGES

Please be advised House Bill No. 5856 has been approved by the Senate and is now known as Public Act 459 which will become effective April 1, 1997. This bill will significantly change the format of documents eligible for recording, within the Register of Deeds office.

Documents executed after April 1, 1997 will be required to comply with the following changes and additions to the recording requirements in Michigan:

--Increase the minimum type size on real estate documents from 8-point type to 10-point type.

--Increase the weight of the paper to a minimum of 20 pounds. (This is the weight of regular copy paper.)

--Require that printing be black ink on white paper for forms presented for recording.

--Mandates a 2.5" margin at the top of the first page with 1/2" minimum margins on attached paper.

--Requires that the type of documents be identified on the first line of print and only one document type will be indexed per recording.

--Identifies the minimum (8.5 x 11") and maximum (8.5 x 14") size of documents and attachments to documents.

-27-6

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 25, 1997, at 7 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE #97-1: GRAYLING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION, PETITIONER

Effects all Residential Districts of Grayling township (R-1, R-2, R-F, NRD)

A request to amend Section 27.4-A-3.C regarding In-Home Occupations as a Conditional Use.

Current wording: Shall not be conducted in an accessory building

Proposed wording: Shall not be conducted in an accessory building, unless determined by the Planning Commission that the use conforms to require conditions A through L but would be more appropriately conducted in an accessory building rather than the dwelling.

Zoning Ordinance and case file are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting held on the 10th day of February 1997

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m.
 II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Moshier, Akers, Ruddy.
 Members Absent: None.
 Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Verna Meharg, City Treasurer, 3 students, Debra Golden, Susan Bateson, Fred Fedak, Paula Edlund, Keith Kenney, Monte Burmister and several members of the Chamber of Commerce Board, Eric Gaertner from the Avalanche, Wayne Winchester, Norm Bancroft.
 III. 97-12
 Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.
 IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None.
 V. Communications were received and noted.

a. Newspaper Column regarding DEQ.
 b. GUDA regarding Membership.
 97-13
 Moved by Stevens, supported by Moshier to decline membership in the GUDA Association at this time due to the number of organizations wishing the City to join but to assure them that the City will continue to help out with in kind when possible. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. County Sheriff regarding Snowmobiles. Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at the Crawford County Court House at 7:30 P.M.
 97-14

Moved by Golinick, supported by Ruddy that the Chief of Police, Councilman Roger Moshier and Jerry Morford, City Manager attended the Snowmobile Meeting on Tuesday Feb. 18th at the Crawford County Court House at 7:30 P.M. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. Article about Peter Stephan & State Legislative.

e. M.M.L. Legislative Conference April 9th in Lansing. Council is to advise if they wish to attend.

f. Georgia Pacific IFT has been revoked as requested by City Council.

VI. Old Business.

a. Water & Sewer Rate Discussion/Adoption. Council felt they need more time to study and to schedule a Work Study Session for February 17, 1997 at 7:30 P.M.

97-15

Moved by Moshier, supported by Golinick to have a Work Study Meeting on Monday, February 17th at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the Water & Sewer Study & Proposal. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Richards & Associates Invoices (2).

97-16

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to pay invoice from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$7,846.91 for Remediation/Monitoring, Discharge Permit Renewal and Operation & Maintenance Consultation, September 18, 1996 thru January 31, 1997. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

97-17

Moved by Moshier, supported by Ruddy to pay invoice from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$685.64 for Potable Water System Review & File, September 18, 1996 thru January 31, 1997. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

31, 1997. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VII. New Business. None.

VIII. Reports of City Manager.

a. Hanson Hill Breakfast, February 7, 1997.

b. Master Plan Update to Council.

c. Custom Forest Products Act 198 for recent addition has been approved by the State.

d. Attended County Board Meeting regarding Race Track Proposal.

e. City Council Election in November. Two seats will be open, Akers and Moshier.

f. Public Hearing Crawford County Board of Commissioners regarding County Recreation Plan, February 18, 1997 at 10:30 A.M.

g. Meeting on February 18, 1997 at 2:30 P.M. Rural Task Force committee regarding ICTEA.

IX. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Moshier. Good use to front-end loader once it was back in commission. He noticed that snow was being removed from corners improving vision.

X. Adjournment.

97-18

Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 96-3859 CK (M)

CAROLINE M. HALL, Plaintiff

vs.

PATTI M. PARTELLO and

CARL S. PARTELLO, JR., Defendants.

DAVID R. SABIN P19822

Attorney for Defendant

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Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5588

CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.

Defendant In Pro Per

6464 Ausable Street

Frederic, Michigan 49733

PATTI M. PARTELLO

Defendant In Pro Per

P.O. Box 465

Grayling, MI 49738

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, directing the sale of the following property, legally described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, McRae's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 09, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

I shall offer the property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk A. Wakefield

Sheriff/Under Sheriff

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by

DONNA R. WILLOUGHBY, a single woman to CITIZENS BANK (f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank) successor by merger to Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 1988 and recorded on January 6, 1989 in Liber 292 on page 344, and modified by Extension and Modification Agreement dated December 29, 1991 and recorded on January 6, 1992 in Liber 335, Page 505 and by Extension and Modification Agreement dated February 28, 1995 and recorded on April 24, 1995 in Liber 392, Page 626, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four and 85/100 dollars (\$8,794.85), including interest at 11.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on Wednesday, March 19, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of

GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Northeastly 54 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeastly 54 feet of the South 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 2, Salling, Hanson and Co.'s addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 6, 1997

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(810) 642-4202

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for CITIZENS BANK,

30150 Telegraph Suite 100

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025

File #97010173

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

FILE NO. 96-5543-IE

Estate of CECILIA COLES, deceased

375-01-9087

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1455 Chappel Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738 died March 1, 1996. An instrument dated March 19, 1993 has been admitted as the will of the decedent. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, WILLIAM KRAUSE, 1455 Chappel Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

JOHN H. HUSS P15297

P.O. Box 948

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5431

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NOTICE GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 10 am, at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738 Telephone (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 10, 1997, until 12 noon, and 1-4 pm. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, during the same hours. This year, the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 13, from 6-8:30 pm, and Saturday, March 15, from 10 am to 2 pm. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come, first-served basis."

Terry Wright, Supervisor

Monica Ashton, Clerk

-20-27-6

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .05133 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1997.

The hearing will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997, at 7:45 p.m. at the LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .05133% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BASIC SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL MILL RATE OF 0.05133 MILLS (51 CENTS PER THOUSAND \$EV).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS
 8405 TWIN BRIDGE ROAD
 GRAYLING, MI 49738
 517 348-9215
 517 348-6437 FAX

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NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 1997, at 11 am, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, for the purpose of reviewing the 1997 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 1997, and Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	FACTOR
Agricultural	1.0000
Commercial	1.0000
Industrial	1.0000
Residential	1.0000

Lee Riley

Township Supervisor

-20-27-6

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON CLEARWATER TRAIL

The Grayling Township Board will hold PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, beginning at 8 pm in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following road which has been petitioned for improvements by a majority of the property owners of frontage along said road.

CLEARWATER TRAIL, SECTION 9, T26N, R3W: To consider the Tentative Special Assessment Roll for spreading the costs of maintenance (snowplowing) of said road. Property owners with frontage along Clearwater Trail who feel they should be excused from the assessment roll because they do not benefit must be present or notify the Township in writing to protect rights of further appeal.

Tentative assessment rolls, original petitions, and estimates are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West) Grayling, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the requests may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.

Grayling Township Clerk

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NOTICE REQUIRED REGISTER OF DEEDS CHANGES

Please be advised House Bill No. 5858 has been approved by the Senate and is now known as Public Act 459 which will become effective April 1, 1997. This bill will significantly change the format of documents eligible for recording, within the Register of Deeds office.

Documents executed after April 1, 1997 will be required to comply with the following changes and additions to the recording requirements in Michigan:

--Increase the minimum type size on real estate documents from 8-point type to 10-point type.

--Increase the weight of the paper to a minimum of 20 pounds. (This is the weight of regular copy paper.)

--Require that printing be black ink on white paper for forms presented for recording.

--Mandates a 2.5" margin at the top of the first page with 1/2" minimum margins on attached paper.

--Requires that the type of documents be identified on the first line of print and only one document type will be indexed per recording.

--Identifies the minimum (8.5 x 11") and maximum (8.5 x 14") size of documents and attachments to documents.

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NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Regular Beaver Creek Township meeting date scheduled for March 10, 1997, has been changed to Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling, MI, 517 275-8878.

Sharon K. Hartman,

Clerk

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NOTICE TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The organizational meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board of Review will be March 4, 1997, at 9 am.

The board of review will meet with the public on March 10, 1997, from 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm. Also March 13, 1997, from 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm.

All meetings will be held at the township hall on Sherman Road.

-13-20-27-6

Mark Kniss, Supervisor

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 7564 Kelly Ave. Frederic, on the following dates.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 10 am.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS: Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am-4 pm; Wednesday, March 12, 13, 9 am-4 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	46.03	1.08620
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	43.75	1.14070

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Brian Hulbert, Supervisor

NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the Grayling City Hall, 103 James St., on the following dates:

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS:

Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm.

Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 9 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm.

Saturday, March 15, 1997, 9 am - 1 pm.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7 pm, at City Hall.

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000

-20-27-6

Larry D. Hunter

City Assessor

FEATURES

ASTROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 2-8

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Big changes are ahead as the seasons shift more rapidly. Maintain communication with a mate or loved one—if not, you risk wasting your energies on arguments and negotiations. You're better off maintaining harmony instead of navigating conflicts.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

A half-truth you told recently could come back to haunt you. Make a clean breast of it, and you'll feel better. You'll also earn the respect of someone you didn't know was watching. Spend extra time with an older person—they could be in need of some attention.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

A crossroads looms, and you're of two minds as to what to do. Step back, sit down and try to consider all of the ramifications before speaking your mind. Tactful silence is better than little white lies for preserving the peace this weekend—don't be drawn into an argument.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

In a pinch? Use your imagination to come up with a creative solution you wouldn't have imagined possible. Budget carefully before allowing yourself to indulge in something. If it's not really feasible, hold off on any major purchases until later.

LEO

July 23-August 23

You're presented with an interesting option early in the week. Solicit advice from a professional before making your move. This weekend, spend time with friends and family to recharge your batteries and learn some interesting news. Enjoy some active games without being overly competitive.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

An old friend calls with an exciting piece of information. If possible, act on it. You're moving into a time of increased possibilities and good luck, so strike while the iron is hot! Assist your sweetie in a boring task, and you'll be richly rewarded later.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

A new influence enters your life late in the week. Its effect could be subtle at first. You'll need to be mindful that you don't ignore some basic chores when an exciting opportunity turns your head this weekend. Try the team approach to a sticky problem.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

When it comes to resolving a stalemate, be aggressive. Focus on education if you're interested in improving your income. Travel with a sweetheart offers exciting possibilities for strengthening your mutual bond. Look behind the scenes for a valuable piece of insight.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Money troubles may stem from a lack of foresight. Analyze your budget now and enjoy increased financial health in the near future. Remember, all good growth is slow growth. Your mate's experience gives you a new perspective on an old situation.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Take care of responsibilities early in the week so you can enjoy a carefree weekend. A plan that seems exciting could be fraught with pitfalls, so be sure to get a second opinion. Someone in your circle has a great deal of experience, so rely on his or her expertise.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

A social event is on the horizon, and you're in a position to add to the fun, so let your imagination run wild! A dull routine could be numbing your vibrant personality, so don't be afraid to shake things up a little! A faraway friend could be feeling blue. Why not call them or write a letter?

PISCES

February 19-March 20

You're full of energy this week, so throw your weight into the harness and you'll be amazed at what you'll accomplish. Others may not share your enthusiasm, however, so be sure to work on group projects early in the week. Later, you may find yourself alone on the job!

For Entertainment Purposes Only



HOME WANTED — This Beagle mix female dog needs a home. Daisy is spayed, housebroken and her shots are up to date. This dog is suitable for children. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

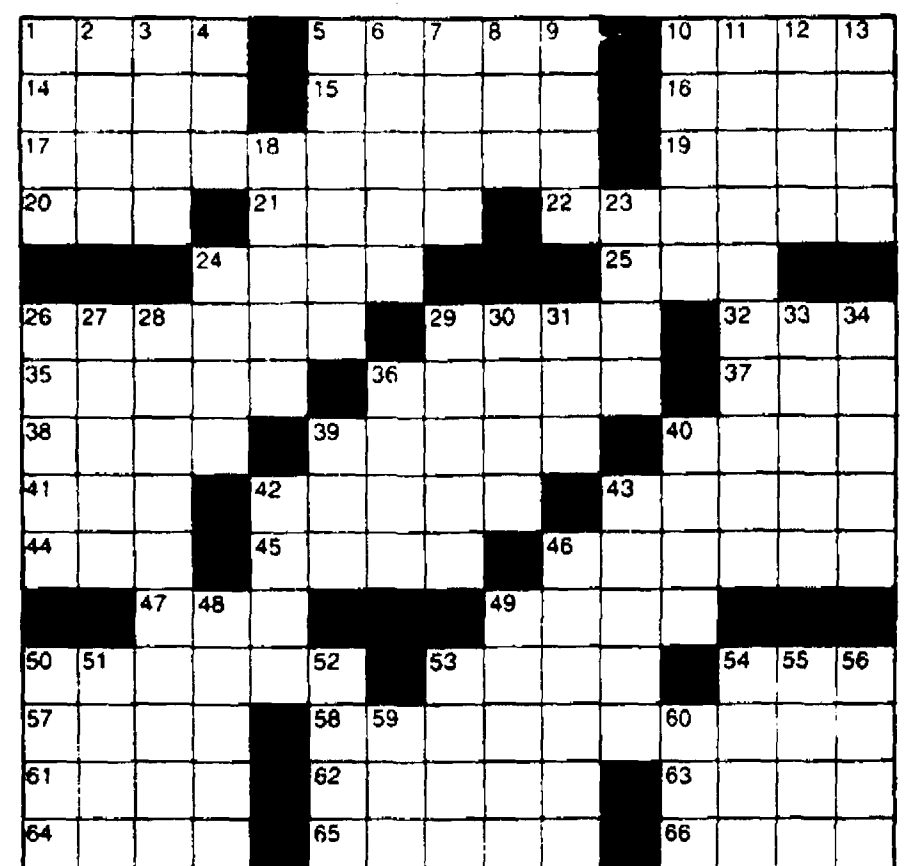
PET CARE TIPS

Fleas can live on a thick-haired dog throughout the winter, says the Animal Protection Institute. After the second frost, give your dog one last flea/tick dip if necessary. At the same time, spray the kennel area and change the bedding. If it's too cold to let your dog dry outside and you can't keep her indoors to dry for 24 hours, forget the bath and instead use a good flea powder and flea comb to remove as many fleas as possible.

The largest island in the world is Greenland, which covers approximately 840,000 square miles. Because of its name, you might think there is a lot of grass on Greenland. Wrong! Almost 85% of Greenland is covered by ice. DID YOU KNOW: The United States tried to buy Greenland in 1946, but Denmark did not want to sell it.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Knacks
5. Luxurious
10. Rheumatic
14. Father of Regan
15. O'Grady of song
16. National League stadium
17. Premeditated
19. Singer Vikki
20. Dryden's "___ For Love"
21. Parrotfish milieu
22. Made nooses
24. Helsinki native
25. Hit the feedbag
26. Gymnasts' feats
29. Fairy-tale blowhard
32. Lamb's dad
35. Pork cuts
36. Fatigues
37. Son ___ gun! (2 wds.)
38. Exploited
39. Rocky Horror Picture Show girl
40. Don't bet ___! (2 wds.)
41. R-V link
42. Enthusies
43. Unlike CIA operations
44. Presidential initials
45. Oath of surprise
46. Admonishes
47. Author McBan et al.

49. Deep-bodied herring
50. Light
53. War memento
54. "Ball ___"
57. Jungle sound
58. Putting up with
61. Religious recluse
62. Intone
63. Popular cookie
64. Hill dwellers
65. Great Lakes acronym
66. Eft

DOWN

1. "M*A*S*H" actor
2. Whirl
3. Lofly
4. Mister, in India
5. Fussies at the looking glass
6. Star of *The Pride And The Passion*
7. Gp. with the right stuff
8. Perch
9. Golf club part
10. Gentleman's tie
11. Oversaw the prom
12. "___ Come The Brides"
13. Arm or stick preceder
18. John Bull's paisanos
23. Blockheads
24. Discover
26. Kind of fund
27. Sentinel's stations
28. Military rank
29. Subsidized
30. Shelley poems
31. Sad yes
33. Ardent
34. Dull finishes
36. Coffee, informally
39. Move with a jerk
40. Amores writer
42. Take a break
43. GWTW name
46. Mariner's maps
48. Poniards
49. Incident
50. My friend ___
51. Hired hoodlum
52. Root in the memory
53. Close noisily
54. Add to the staff
55. Afresh
56. "___ The Sun In The Morning" (2 wds.)
59. Cry of discovery
60. Heavy weight

This week's Puzzle is sponsored by:

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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 7, 1974

Mrs. Maggie Levertson recently spent two weeks in the hospital with a broken rib. She is home now but unable to do much. Maggie has had more than her share of misfortune in recent months.

Mrs. Abbott Walker is a patient at Munson Hospital in Traverse City. Her friends wish her well.

The Frederic Hobby Club met at the home of Mrs. Eunice Barker, on February 28, with 6 members present. A Chinese auction was held. We will be selling corsages made by the Senior Citizens Center for the crippled children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gabler of Grayling are happy over the arrival of twin sons on March 1. Christopher Lee weighed in at 3 lbs. 5 ozs., while Jeff Richard weighed 3 lbs. 15 ozs.

Also, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hoover of Grayling, March 2, a son, Jeremiah Lee, weighing 4 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were hosts at the party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Alice Campau, Sophie Koerke, Bill Koerke and Jack Kearney. Mr. and Mrs. Kearney will have the party this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Snow and daughter of Gaylord, were Sunday afternoon guests of the Jack Kesbys.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilingett of Lake Orion were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lord. Mr. and Mrs. David Paquette spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs., Pat Harwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman spent a couple of days in Detroit on business.

The Cheerful Givers Club met at the home of Mrs. Edith Make. Following a business meeting, games were enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious luncheon to her guests.

Harold Richards and daughter, Darcy, of Freeland spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Violette Richards.

There will be an open house on

Saturday, March 9, from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl White's 35th wedding anniversary, at 906 Park St. Everyone is welcome.

Mary Hunter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hunter of 505 Park St., offered the Lansing area an escape from the winter doldrums in the form of romance, humor and song in the recent Performing Arts Company production of "Guys and Dolls" at Michigan State University. She is an MSU junior majoring in theatre and a 1971 graduate of Grayling High School.

The building which formerly housed Kraus' Dry Goods Store on the main corner downtown has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver of Grayling by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus, it was announced last week. Extensive remodeling is being done by the Weavers, after which they will move their Gift Shop, which is now located on Cedar Street, to the new location.

46 Years Ago March 8, 1951

Sheriff and Mrs. William Golnick, son, Fritz, Jim Kitchen and Miss Sally Bishaw spent Monday in Traverse City. Fritz left for Detroit Tuesday night expecting to re-enter the Air Corps.

Miss Dolores "Butch" Golnick has accepted a position with the department of F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. and is to report for work on March 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hayes are happy over the arrival of a son at Mercy Hospital on Monday, March 5. He has been called Oliver Wesley and weighed eight pounds and eight ounces.

Robert Bovee, Grayling High School teacher was inducted as a new member of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at the regular weekly meeting held Monday evening at the Lone Pine Inn. Art Clough acted as inducting officer and was assisted by Earl Burns and Frank Bond.

Miss Margrethe Nielsen has been absent from her duties at the bank because of illness.

Marion Weaver and daughter, Miss Beverly of Buchanan spent the weekend at the Otis Weavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven left last Wednesday to spend the weekend with their daughter and family the Larry Frymires in Lansing to be on hand to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Frymire on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear left for Milwaukee, Wis., Thursday, the former to attend a convention of the Wisconsin Bow Hunters.

Mrs. Jack Wilson and son, Douglas returned home from Alpena Sunday, after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Skiva.

Friends and relatives dropped in at the Ernest Larson home Sunday evening and surprised Mr. Larson on his birthday. Cards were played and Mrs. Larson served a nice lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krome and baby of Romulus spent the weekend here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan.

Mrs. Richard Ashton and son, Guy, of Saginaw are spending some time at the Wm. Golnick residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babbitt are the proud parents of a baby daughter born on March 2nd, at Mercy Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 ounces, and will be known as Helen Kathleen.

Junior Hummel arrived at home Friday morning from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for a weeks furlough. He expects to go to Texas on an air base construction project soon.

69 Years Ago March 8, 1928

J. W. Sorenson says: "The question before the voters of Grayling is whether or not we shall pave the first three blocks of Main Street. It is then for you to decide for yourself if the \$17.50 per \$1,000 valuation is not too heavy for you to pay."

Mrs. Roy Billings of Bay City spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Carl Englund.

Miss Frances Durfee went to Mt. Pleasant to spend the weekend at her home and on her return Sunday was

accompanied here by her sister. They finally arrived in Grayling after battling the snow storm that was raging, it took them five hours to make the trip.

A daughter who has been named Kathryn Lou was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yoder on Thursday, March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, Richard Keith, at their home Tuesday morning.

Lola Craven has returned to Frederic from Lansing, where she has been for a few weeks. She was accompanied by her sister Mrs. E.L. Preston, who remained for a visit.

Mrs. A.M. Lewis was in Grayling Monday en route from Newberry to her home in Flint.

Carl Smith left Tuesday afternoon for Niles, where he has a job waiting.

William McCullough of Detroit spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough.

Mrs. Alfred Hummel who left in January for Nebraska to visit her mother, writes that they are doing their plowing for spring wheat and they have flowers in blossom.

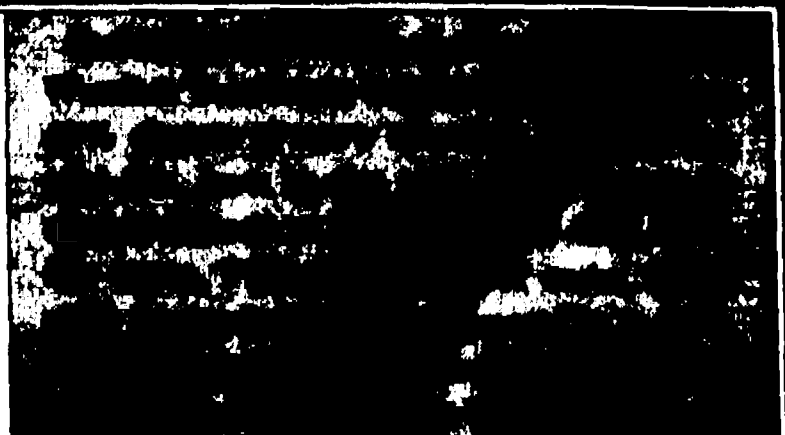
Huebner Picks Mythical Team: All star Class C team, Neal, forward; Smith, forward; Hendrickson, center; Brady, guard. Wylie was given honorary mention.

Mrs. George Entsminger made a trip to Lansing Saturday returning Tuesday.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

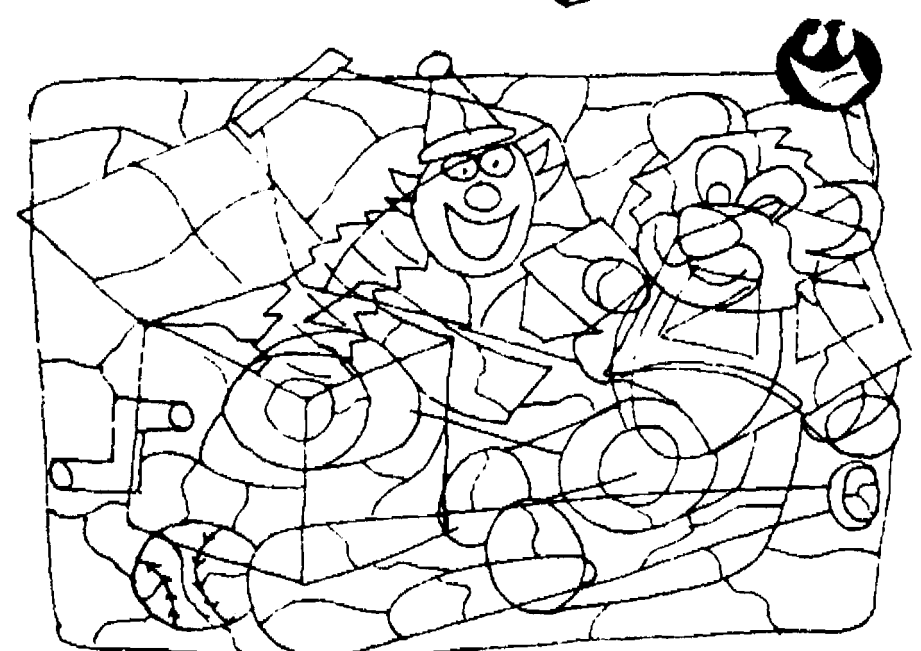
Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
2/26	33	6	—	25"
2/27	39	30	0.41	28"
2/28	30	5	0.50	32"
3/1	31	5	0.05	30"
3/2	42	5	—	28"
3/3	42	5	—	26"
3/4	33	16	—	25"



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BEAUTIFUL 10-ACRE PARCEL of hardwoods, located in an all-sports area north of Grayling. SELLING FOR \$12,000. #4016.

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5688 M-72 West, Grayling
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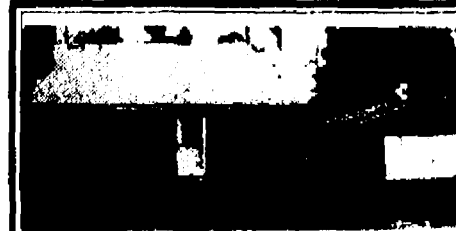
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Nice 3-bedroom home with 2 1/2-car garage & 1,200 sq. ft. in Beaver Creek. Perfect year-round or recreational home with beautiful fireplace and a recently new dishwasher. Connected by thousands of acres of state land, and on a paved, county-maintained road. A great buy! Call Bob Pollack for details.

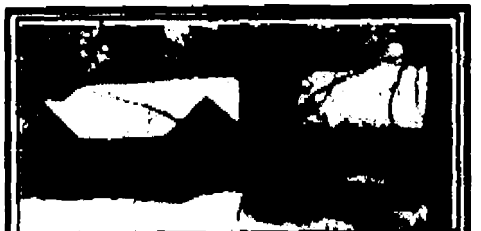
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THREE BEDROOM HOME FOR SALE by owner. Walking distance to AuSable River and Mason Trails hunting. Two fireplaces, cathedral living room, one and a half baths and attached garage with two acres on Chase Bridge Road. Call for appointment 348-4480. \$69,000. -13-20-27-6/1



NEW HOUSE

170' X 700' on AuSable River
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Connie Seewald
LAKEFRONT PARCEL ON EAGLE LAKE. 2.33-acre parcel is high and dry with a slope down to the lake, making for an ideal walk-out basement building site. Eagle Lake is 34 acres, and about half of the shore is adjoined by state land, keeping it somewhat private. \$40,000. Call me for details at office 348-5474 or at home 348-6573.

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1. Real Estate



212 KERRY ST. Close to downtown Grayling. Especially nice, tastefully decorated. 2-bedroom home with attached garage. Lots of closet space, gas log in fireplace, leaded glass insert in main entrance door. Finished basement-insulated, drywalled, carpeted. New drain field for septic. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer included. \$77,500. JG-528



2 OR 3 BEDROOM HOME in a great location close to high school. New deck, vinyl siding, stone, roof & storm doors. Reinsulated before siding applied. Blown-in insulation added to ceiling. Natural gas forced air. Furnace inspected yearly by TechCon. Seller will install well & door to create 3rd bedroom at buyer's request. Hot water heater 3 years old, 16x22 garage. \$84,000. JG-532

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The settlement sheet

At the closing, the buyer and seller will sign the settlement sheet which details the charges that each party incurs during the sale of the house. It is crucial that you review the settlement sheet and check the figures for accuracy before you complete the transaction.

When a contract is negotiated, each side agrees how the loan fees (or points) and other closing charges will be divided, as well as legal fees and state or local taxes. Your Realtor can go over the settlement sheet, comparing it with your purchase agreement. The seller's side of the sheet will probably include the brokerage fee, mortgage payoff, and any charges involved in clearing the title. The buyer's side generally sets out loan charges, title searches, and insurance and other legal fees. It may also include property tax prorates, payments for termite treatment, or escrow for repairs that could not be completed by the closing. A good title attorney will go over the settlement sheet line by line, explaining each item.

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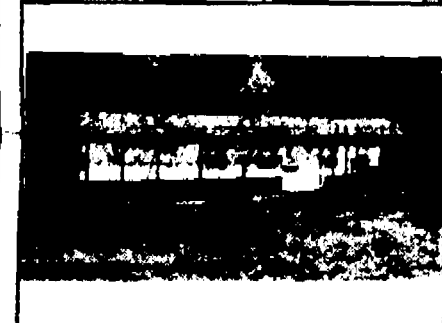
Short distance to Lake Margrethe

This home is just a short distance to Lake Margrethe, and minutes from Grayling's snowmobile and RV trails. Would make a great seasonal or full-time rental property. Reduced to \$19,900. #3943



New home with much to offer

This beautiful new home has much to offer, including 8.27 acres! Features 2 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms plus 4th over garage, finished basement, hot tub, oak custom kitchen and so much more. Must see this home! \$155,000. #3853



Two-bedroom mobile

Nice mobile home sitting on 2.5 acres. Features three bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage, new hot water heater, and comes mostly furnished! Only \$42,900. #3956



AuSable River East Branch

212' frontage on AuSable River East Branch! Has many NEW features including carpeting, vinyl floor in kitchen, water heater, kitchen countertops, sink and all new appliances. Offers a stone fireplace and satellite dish. \$112,000. #4015



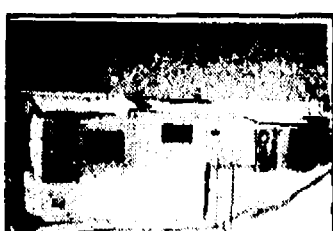
Two-bedroom ranch

This ranch home is perfect if you're just starting out. Has two bedrooms, garage and block has been laid for an addition to be added on. \$35,000. #3984



Recently remodeled in the city

Recently-remodeled home located in the City of Grayling. Offers three bedrooms, partial basement, garage, fenced backyard and lots of storage area. Some of the NEW features include vinyl siding, roof, paint and carpet. \$53,900. #3974



NICELY MAINTAINED! Would be an excellent starter home or rental property. Features three bedrooms, large living room, double-sized lot with fenced yard and a storage shed. \$42,000. #4030



485' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE MAINSTREAM. A beautiful 3-bedroom ranch with 2 1/2 baths, ceramic tile in bathrooms and kitchen, finished garage and more. Owner Motivated! A MUST SEE! REDUCED TO \$164,900. #3927



200' OF COMMERCIAL WELL-MAINTAINED CHALET FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST on 10 acres! Offers two mobile home in excellent bedrooms, garage, extensive condition, good-size basement wood decking on three sides of for storage, and nice big the home, small pond and drive-thru garage. A GREAT seclusion. The perfect northern BUY FOR \$66,000. #3939 Michigan get-a-way! \$70,500. #4012



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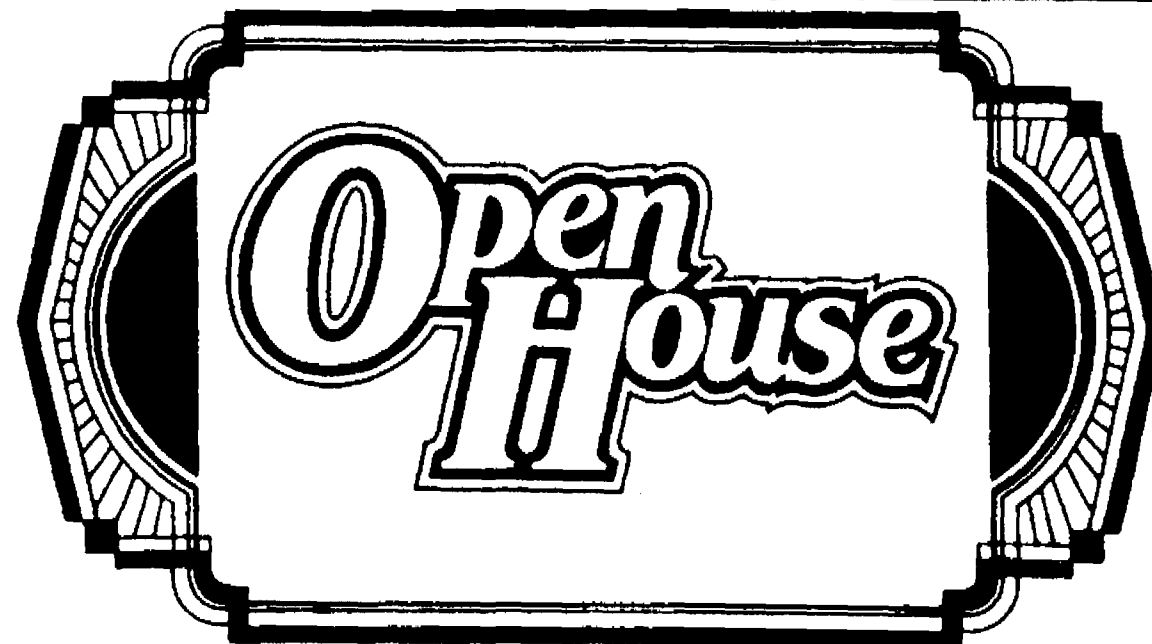
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#027 Two commercial lots near Bear Lake in Kalkaska County. Together they have approximately 553' of frontage on M-72, a real bargain at \$6,500 each.

#038 1.25-acre parcel with well and septic already in. Easily accessible from I-75 or US-27 in Beaver Creek Township. \$8,600.

#104 Nicely-wooded 2.59-acre parcel on a county road in Maple Forest Township. \$3,500.

#136 Nice building lot in Leelanau County, five minutes from Traverse City. Scenic views close to recreation areas and Lake Leelanau. \$15,500.

#175 Nice city lot in Grayling with a garage. City water and sewer hookup available on a paved street. \$5,000.

#179 Nice building lot near Roscommon in Indian Glens Subdivision. 4,000. We have several additional lots available in this area also.

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TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX in Viking Village. No pets. Includes lawn maintenance, snow plowing and trash pickup. Utilities not included. Call Karen 616-946-8772. 3/6/97f/2

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CLOSE TO TOWN: three cabins. \$285 plus security plus \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities paid. Also, one rental \$250 plus utilities and security plus \$50 cleaning fee. No pets. 348-5124 or 348-5621. -27-6/2

ROOMS FOR RENT: Working adults. Formally West Winds Inn next to fairgrounds. Apply in person. 720 Old 27 North. -6/2

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent in Grayling Mobile Estates. \$375 plus utilities, security deposit and references. No pets. Call 517-348-8659, leave message. 2/27/97f/2

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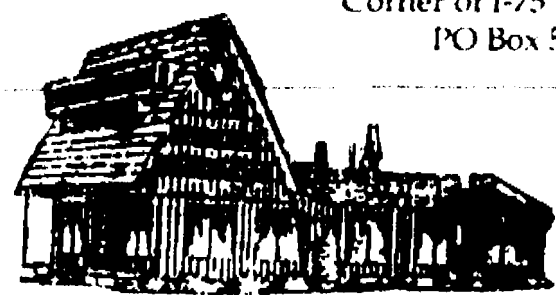
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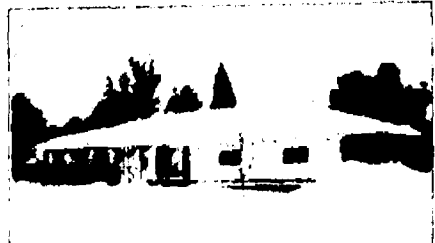
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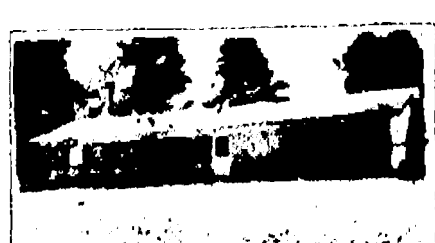
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HOLY WATERS Ausable River, 10 acres with over 220' frontage, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, garage, large trees. Flies-only section \$135,000. Reduced to \$125,000. (DL-36)



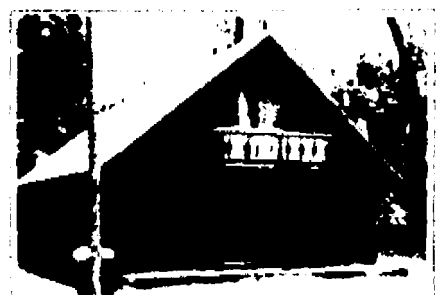
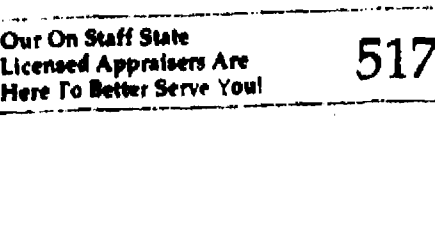
CITY OF GRAYLING 4.5 bedroom home with two baths, partial basement, two-car garage, fireplace and large deck. New vinyl siding, some new windows and door with dual side lites. Double lot. \$74,900. (LM-930)



WELL-MAINTAINED HOME on S Grayling Rd. with an attached garage, two bedrooms, one bath, sun room, den, woodstove, dog run and an additional 22x38 building with a tool room, storage room and a garage. Lots of extras. \$67,000. (DM-32)



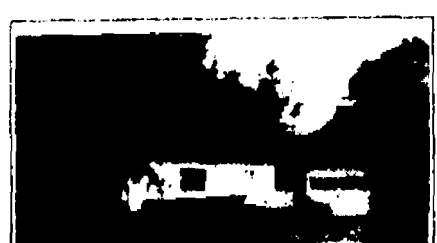
KAREN WOODS Large wooded lot, close to town. Four-bedroom home with garage and swimming pool. Natural gas hot water heat, close to Lake Margrethe. Reduced to \$79,900. (DL-47)



CHALET with three bedrooms. Blacktop road, close to the North Branch, Big Creek, state land and snowmobile trails. Owner financing \$33,900. (LM-925)



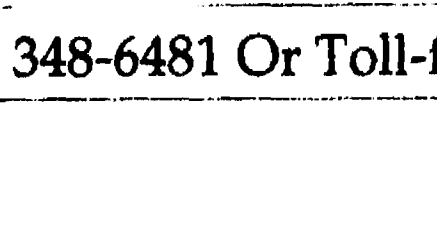
EAST BRANCH ESTATES is the location of this three-bedroom, two-bath home. Attached 32x44 garage, finished basement, pool with deck, two fireplaces on a wooded double lot. 180x240. \$117,900. (DL-67)



GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES 720 sq. ft., two-bedroom mobile home in good condition. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, hook-up for washer and dryer, garage. \$24,900 cash. (MC-512)



SALTBOX on five acres of secluded property. Three bedrooms, two baths, attached garage, sauna, workshop, root cellar, dog kennel and much, much more. \$89,000. Reduced to \$79,900. (JW-46)



FAMILY HOME on three acres. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet and septic. Garage plus workshop—lots of room with over 2,100 sq. ft. \$79,000. (DL-66)



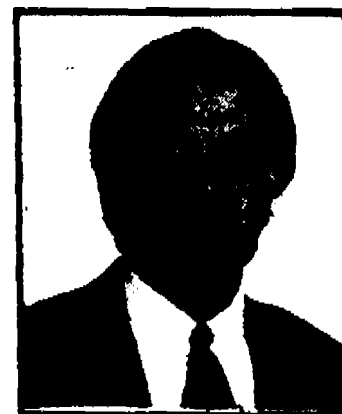
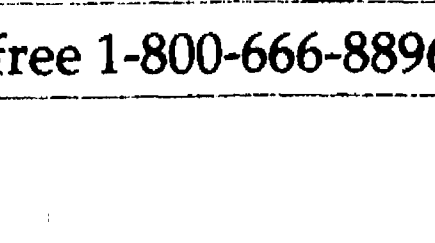
LARGE HOME WITH ACREAGE 40 wooded acres, adjoining state land, near Kneff lake. Over 2,700 sq. ft. of living area, partial basement and garage with carport. Wooded supplement heat, lots of extras. \$165,000. Reduced, \$139,000. (DL-44)



CLOSE TO LAKE MARGRETHE 1,328 sq. ft., three-bedroom ranch with 1 1/2-car attached garage. Southern yellow pine flooring, Blazeking woodstove, many extras, new roofing. Adjoins state land, just listed, \$67,900. Reduced, \$54,900. (JW-52)



NEWLY REMODELED 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, six-inch insulated walls, track and spot lights. Internal stereo system. \$36,900. (JW-MP)



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CUSTOM-BUILT CHALET Thinking of a northern Michigan hideaway? Immaculate condition offering 4+ acres of seclusion, rough-sawn cedar exterior, hot water gas heat, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Appliances, security system, brick hearth with woodstove, decks. All this on blacktop road with close river access, and state trails nearby. Property could be split. \$54,000. CH-523



LOCATION SAYS EVERYTHING three-bedroom, one-bath offers 1,360 sq. ft., family room with brick fireplace, opens onto a cement patio to expand leisure activities to the out-of-doors, oak parkway floors in living room and hallway. Mud room between entry and attached garage. Close to town, school and shopping. \$48,900. CS-527



ATTENTION TROUT FISHERMEN! North Branch and Ausable River Mainstream access. Ausable State Forest and Corners Marsh. Secluded retreat with winding road fronting on McMaster's Bridge Road. Immediate occupancy, complete with washer/dryer, woodstove, loft above family room, garage, apron, sidewalks, archery range, all on five wooded acres. New offering at \$69,500. CH-535



GOOD THINGS DO COME IN SMALL PACKAGES This is one of them! The kitchen makes every square inch count. Clean and uncluttered, cozy and efficient with snack bar. Relax in the living room warmed by the Earth Stove. Master bedroom offers skylight. Basement offers family room and den or bedroom and laundry facilities. Nicely landscaped yard offers fruit trees, lawn swing, outdoor lighting, 10x14 storage shed with electric, 8x8 sun deck, attached garage. \$48,500. CS-530



100' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER Majestic white pines along beautiful Manistee River, 10x50 mobile with roof-over. Excellent view of river. Year-round access with blacktop road frontage. Most contents included. Immediate occupancy. CH-474



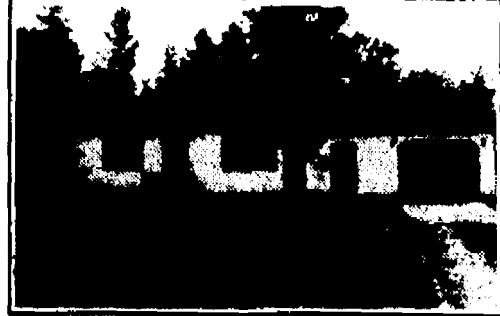
DISTINCTIVE ARCHITECTURE PLUS A PRESTIGE NEIGHBORHOOD Features include large great room with lots of windows, vaulted ceilings, track and recessed lighting, three bedrooms, two baths, modern kitchen with skylight. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Hot water baseboard heat, cable TV, full basement with laundry area, includes washer and dryer. Two-car attached garage. Secluded setting just minutes from town on 2.5 acres on private road. Call us quick—this one is a winner! \$87,500. Reduced, \$86,000. CS-459



AUSABLE RIVER 4.5 acres with stately white and red pines, on the banks of river. Two bedrooms, 860 sq. ft., double roof over, appliances, oversize patio, covered deck, excellent views downstream, many recreational activities available out the back door. \$34,800. CH-536



QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft., walk-out patio door off dining room, large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$64,000. CD-521

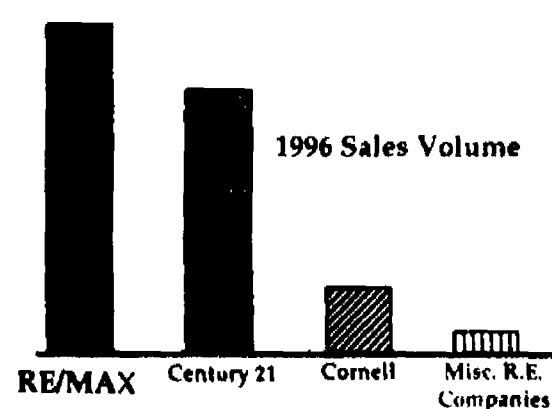


FRESHLY RENOVATED 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new furnished kitchen cabinets, countertop and floor coverings. Sliding doorwall onto 10x12 deck. Vinyl siding, thermopane windows, all on corner lot offering blacktop streets, natural gas and underground utilities. \$61,900. CH-491



ATMOSPHERE FOR CHARM, RARE OPPORTUNITY This one you can't match for overall charm, location and value. Large living room with brick fireplace, built-in bookshelves with glass fronts. Breakfast nook, city water and sewer. Appliances include gas stove, refrigerator and stackable washer and dryer (pile). Walk-out deck, fenced yard, storage shed, 15x20 detached garage, new vinyl siding and some vinyl windows. Newly-updated electrical. \$66,000. Reduced, \$63,000. CS-455

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Public Notice - Request for Proposals CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Michigan Works! - Northeast Consortium is requesting proposals to operate The Challenge Program at Camp Vanderbilt from June through August 1997.

The target population is economically disadvantaged at-risk youth, including high school dropouts, ages 14 -17 years, from the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

Eligible proposers are educational agencies, community based organizations, and non-profit entities with demonstrated effectiveness with the named target groups.

Available dollars are approximately \$175,000.

Proposal must be received no later than Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at 4:30 p.m.

The Challenge Program is designed to provide at-risk youth with self-esteem building, team work, problem-solving and life skills in a residential camp setting.

1. **Program Purpose:** To provide a series of outdoor adventure opportunities, allowing youth to achieve success in a positive, creative and supportive environment.
2. **Activities:** Backpacking, canoeing, high and low ropes course elements, ecology studies and volunteer service.
3. **Program Goal:** To expose economically disadvantage youth to skills and competencies that will enhance their ability to recognize problems, devise and implement a plan of action, while acquiring patterns of responsible behavior.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry Basel, (517) 733-8548, Michigan Works-Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. **Mandatory Bidder's Conference** is to be held March 11, 1997 at 10:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, 10709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan. The proposal deadline submission date is 4:30 p.m., March 19, 1997, at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered. Proposals may be faxed with original signature pages mailed within the following three working days.

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7. Miscellaneous

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ATTENTION LOW-INCOME PERSONS

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9. Personals

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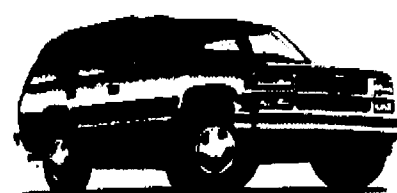
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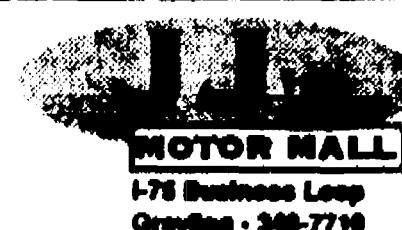
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